

W.P.N.S.

Minutes of Meetings

JAN 1986 to Dec 1986

Minutes of WPNS Meeting - Jan 7, 1986

Meeting called to order by Larry Korchnak at 8:20 PM. The minutes of the Dec 3, 1985 meeting were read and approved as read.

Wayne Hornum gave the Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance Dec 3, 1985 \$781.39

Clage-Bank-Checking Acct 0.80

Bank Balance-Jan 7, 1986 \$780.59

Correspondence - L. Korchnak reported he received some info on Pan Show

Allegheny Project - L. K. contacted the man at Vo-Tech that may print the Encased Section. Figured it would cost \$400. for 400 copies - size 8 1/2 x 11. The question arose whether it would be possible to print the large size pictures or pay to have them reduced. Decisions would also have to be made on setup of photos on page etc. This was going to be decided by Larry Korchnak, Bill Hunter & Dick Gaetano. By April 1st the project would be ready.

S. Mooney reported that J. Paul Scheetz - a member - was robbed at his home abt a yr ago.

R Crosby introduced Torry Dziubek who gave a program of ANA Slides "American Game Counters."

Exhibits - A. Murdoch - Showed 2 Insurance Co Medals
Chair
One Penn State - 1 Temple Univ.

Exhibits (Cont'd)

W. Hornsren - Book on Lauasing Mich Money;
 Postcard - Bank of Pgh; Book on presentations given
 at Chicago Coin Club; Picture of front of Bank of
 Pgh set up at Jeff. Memorial Park; Article ^{on} ~~of~~ Remonic
 & Kent Cigarettes; 1-Medal-Allegany Arsenal
 Badge - Pgh Chamber of Commerce 1889 Pgh "Gas City";
C. Erb - 1984 Swiss Shooting Taker - 50 F BU
J. Burns - Texon - French - Showing City View
 ANA Life Member Badge; 1939 Numismatist; New
 Netherland Catalog.

Larry Korschak - 1906 Car run over by train
 bearing Pres. Harding Funeral Train
 Script - 2 Pcs from Depression - issued to School
 Teachers at Elwood City.

Pat McBride - WWI pictorial History Book
R. Crosby - Kossoth Medal - 1940 Pass to Republican ^{GPR-1898 Badge} Convention;

Announcement - Coin Shows - Jan 11-12 at Holiday
 Hse Monroeville; Feb 1-2 S. Hells Coin Club at
 Sheraton Inn near S. Hells Village.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

C. Erb
 Secretary



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DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1986
TIME: 7:30 p.m., MEETING STARTS AT 8:15 p.m.
WHERE: CONFERENCE ROOM C, 7th FLOOR OF STATION
SQUARE, Carson & Smithfield Sts.
PROGRAM: ANA SLIDES, "AMERICAN GAME COUNTERS"
EXHIBITS: UNUSUAL JETONS & COUNTERS

REFLECTIONS: The holiday season is about over and we hope
all of you enjoyed the full spirit of the season. We wish
all of you a very Happy New Year.

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STATUE OF LIBERTY COINS BY THE MINT - If you do not get Coin
World or mailing info from the U.S. Mint, please note that
\$5 Gold Pieces, Half Dollars & Silver Dollars dated 1986
will be issued in both proof & uncirculated. There are all
combinations for ordering i.e. Individual pieces or groups.

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ANA -PITTSBURGH 1989 - At the November 4th meeting there was
an encouraging turnout by those interested in playing a role
in the future tentatively scheduled ANA Convention in
Pittsburgh. Future meetings are planned with a
representative of ANA attending.

WHAT IS A NUMISMATIST ?

The numismatist thinks of nothing but rare coins, muses on
them, dreams of them. His enjoyment involves all species of
pleasure and mental excitement. He is a sportsman, a
gamester, an artist, a detective, a critic, an expert. He
follows the scent of a rare coin as a hound does that of a
rabbit, and is never satisfied until he has traced it to its
burrow. The passions excited are ambition, hope, desire,
and envy, but never to any extent to be injurious.
Your true numismatist is usually a man of gentlemanly
instincts and scholarly attainments. His associations are
with men who think, reason, compare, sift evidence and
judge. He is little likely to be gulled, being always on
the lookout for counterfeits; less likely to deceive others,
having a wholesome contempt for base fabrication. (From
Mason's Coin and Stamp Collectors' magazine, 6-1867)

B. MAX MEHL WAS RETURNING TO TEXAS BY TRAIN BACK IN THE 20's
AND WAS STRANDED BY AN UNEXPECTED SNOW STORM. HE WAS
CARRYING SOME RECENT AUCTION PURCHASES, AND WAS FORCED TO
SPEND A PROOF BARBER HALF FOR HIS LUNCH. FORTUNATELY IT
ONLY COST HIM 65 CENTS AT THE AUCTION.

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COIN SHOWS: JAN. 5, 1986, HOLIDAY INN, BELLE VERNON, PA.
JAN. 11-12, HOLIDAY HOUSE, MONROEVILLE, PA.

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REGISTER OF 1/7, 1986 MEETING

MEMBERS

GUESTS

Charles A. Erb

W. K. H. H. H.

Glenn Mooney

Garry E. H. H.

Bill Hunter

Richard G. H.

Eric G. H.

Thomas M. Murdoch

John J. Burns

Ray R. H.

W. K. H.

Wayne K. H.

Pat Mc. H.

Charles C. H.

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The meeting was called to order by Wayne Honren at 8:15 PM. Secretary Erb read the minutes of the Jan 7th meeting - minutes approved as read. W. Honren gave the Treasurer's report

CK. Acct Balance Jan 7th - \$ 780.59

J.P. Schectz - dues + \$15.

Postage & Envelopes - \$29.50

Balance - Feb 4 \$ 766.09

Old Business - Erb reported on notes given him by L. Korchnak on Allegheny Project. D. Gaetano commented on the Allegheny Project. Per Larry K. the photos would be finished by Feb 11th. The cost would be around \$150. (lower than original estimate).

Program - "Echoes of the Past - Part II" by C. Erb. Erb read two past programs given by Robert Porter one entitled "Coins of Tarentum" and the second "The World's Earliest Forms of Money". There were some comments and discussions after the readings.

Exhibits - Wes Coltman had a number of porcelain pieces, colors blue & green - one of Betty Ross, some of Geo Washington etc

Bill Hunter - Showed a sample page of the "Encased Postage" section

W. Honren - PAN Show pictures Book on Finnish Numismatics, German & Swedish Catalogs.

Minutes Cont'd

Ed Krivoniak - Roman Coin, Small Jeton Pc.

Dick Gaetano - South Hills C. Club dealer's badge

John Burns - Coins of Tarentum, a drachm, a Stater, Shekel of Tyre, 1939 Numismatist, book on U.S. Fractional Currency

C. Erb - 1823 Bust Italy, Geo. Washington brochures with one on Mt Vernon, Pgh Memorabilia - Rodgers Field

Cliff Sutton - Washington & Lincoln Postcards, J. Pershing paper wt; Calendar of Past presidents

Following meeting the White Elephant Sale was held for Club Treasury - the number of catalogs etc contributed a nice amount to the Treasury.

Mtg adjourned at 9:40 PM. after Coin Shows for February were announced.

Chuck Erb
Secretary



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WHERE: CONFERENCE ROOM C, 7TH FLOOR OF STATION SQUARE,
CARSON & SMITHFIELD STS.

PROGRAM: "ECHOES OF THE PAST, PART II", by CHUCK ERB

EXHIBITS: PRESIDENTS MATERIAL & ANCIENTS OF TARENTUM

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OBSERVATIONS: Last month, despite the cold weather, we started the year with good attendance at the meeting. The members were certainly in a jovial and humorous mood. Let us build on this for the year!!

SUNSHINE DEPT.: We extend our best wishes and greetings to Nick Tutelo. He has been in and out of Montifiore Hospital, so our thoughts go out to him.

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FEB. 9 Castle Shannon Fire Hall Collectible Show  
FEB. 22-23 CIO Hall, Steubenville Ohio  
MARCH 1-2 Sheraton Inn, by the Airport





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REGISTER OF Feb 4, 1986 MEETING

MEMBERS

Charles W. Erb

John W. Burns

Bill Hunter

Wayne K. Hornen

nick Gaetano

Mrs Colman

Garvey Grimbels

Call Sutton

Ed W. Rinehart

Emerson Smith

GUESTS

PAT MCBRIDE

CHARLES CULLEITON

Jim Sutton



In Remembrance

Charity of your choice.

PORTER

On Sun, February 23, 1986, Robert S. Porter, Jr., 80 years old, of Natrona Hgts., beloved father of Mrs. Carl (Eileen Hope) Foster of Youngstown, OH, and Mrs. Judith Hartzel of New Kensington; also survived by four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Mr. Porter was well-known coin collector and dealer. He belonged to the Western PA. Sphinx and Allegheny-Kiski Valley Numismatic Societies. Friends received Mon. 7-9 p.m.; Tues. 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at the ROBERT E. PETERS FUNERAL HOME, 1521 Freeport Rd., Natrona Hgts., where services will be held Weds. at 11 a.m. Arrangements by Guy L. Walters, Funeral Director.

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*The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou
art with me; thy rod and thy staff they com-
fort me, Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies thou anoin-
test my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord for ever.*

**In Memory Of
Robert S. Porter Jr.**

**Date Of Birth
May 4, 1896**

**Date Of Death
February 23, 1986**

**Services From
Robert E. Peters Funeral Home
11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 26, 1986**

**Officiating Minister
Rev. Harry C. Coleman Jr.**

**Final Resting Place
Lakewood Memorial Gardens
Dorseyville, Pa.**

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WHERE: CONFERENCE ROOM "C", 7th FLOOR OF STATION
SQUARE, Carson & Smithfield Sts.

PROGRAM: "LINCOLN IMAGE" by Richard Crosby
EXHIBITS: LINCOLN CENTS & MEMORABILIA

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REFLECTIONS: At the last meeting we had a good "WHITE ELEPHANT" Sale of auction catalogs, Numismatists, etc. for the Society treasury. Those of you that have extras to dispose of should bring them in to our auctioneer, Bill Hunter. Those members that don't regularly come to meetings and have catalogs around that you don't want call me (364-8488 Chuck Erb) or someone else, and somehow we will pick up. Every contribution helps our treasury - Let's have some good spring auctions.

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LARRY DZIUBEK and WAYNE HOMREN are doing some research on Pittsburgh merchants of the Civil War period. If you have any leads on where or what to use for this purpose, please give them your ideas. There may be a little known library or other source that they would not think of without your help.

MOTTOES - Last month we covered the U.S. motto "In God We Trust". As a patriotic phrase, this is by no means unique. Many societies or countries have claimed an equivalent, such as i.e. "Gott mit Uns" ("God is on our side") of German tradition including the Nazis! Hanging on a wall in a building at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, for all our present and future naval officers is a quotation "I should like to think that my country is always right, but, right or wrong, my country." Maybe the best implication of "In God We Trust" is this: "we are unified for a purpose."

Stress on unification for freedom and national purpose is the predominant motto on coins of most post-colonial Latin American nations. Some of these mottoes are also revealing in that they define the main problem to be overcome - disobedience of the law. Chile sought "Razon y Fuerza" (Reason and Strength), "reason" in the sense of "let's have clear thinking and public order".

(To be continued)

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Thought for the month: "In old age, I would rather smell perfume than liniment". - Sen. Strom Thurmond then 66, speaking of his 1968 marriage to a much younger woman.

"Thoughts like fleas, jump from host to host. But they don't bite everybody." Stanislaw Lec "UNKEMPT THOUGHTS"

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Don't forget meeting & White Elephant
COIN SHOWS: MARCH 1-2 SHERATON INN - AIRPORT
MARCH 9 Collector's Show - Castle Shannon
MARCH 8-9 RUSTIC LODGE, INDIANA, PA.
MARCH 15-16 QUALITY INN - West Mifflin

Minutes of WPNS Meeting - March 4, 1986

Meeting called to order at 8:22 PM by President Larry Korchinuk. Secretary Erb read the minutes of the Feb 4th meeting. Minutes read & approved.

Wayne Hemman gave the Treasurer's report:

Bank Balance Chk Acct Feb 4 \$ 766.09

Receipt - White Elephant + 20.00

Chking acct charge - .62

Bank Balance \$ 785.47

Correspondence - Larry Korchinuk announced that Coin Week will be April 20-26. He read a notice from PAN that the PAN Show will be October 11th-12th at Lancaster, Pa. A letter from ANA - Ruth Brethall was read. She was looking forward to the ANA Convention to be in Pgh in 1989.

Allegheny Project - Bill Hunter gave a report on a meeting held on project. Here they looked over the photos for the Encased Section. Bill H. reported he is going to try and have the pictures taken over again.

New Business - A discussion ensued concerning a contribution to ANA for the 1986 ANA Convention. C. Salkin made a motion that \$15. be donated to ANA, seconded by Wes Caltman. A unanimous vote by the members attending passed the motion.

Program - Chuck Erb introduced Richard Crosby who gave a very interesting program.

entitled "The Lincoln Image". He covered a brief history of Abe Lincoln's life. Then he explained all the medals, badges, souvenirs, etc that made up his big exhibit of approximately 75 pieces of Lincoln.

Exhibits -

Buckley - Washington medals; ancients - Roman & Greek, Swiss 20 Fr 1935 pc, 25[¢] off center dated 1974.

L. Gaetano - Spanish Real 1792, 1936 Great Lake Expo, Hobo Nickel using a Jefferson Nickel; 1861-S Half with Japanese inscription.

Pat McBride - Civil War Magazine

W. Hansen - Handbook of Check Collecting 1975

Bill Hunter - British Colony Small denomination currency; Lottery pcs 1929-33 Austria.

Larry Kirschner - Wm Harrison Medal;

Notgeld - German - 2, 3 1/2 Mark pcs counterstamped with high denomination marks.

Death of Bob Porter Jr. - an Honorary Member - Feb 23rd was announced.

Coin Shows announced.

Meeting adjourned about 9:30 PM.

A. Erb -

Secretary



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WHERE: CONFERENCE ROOM C, 7th FLOOR OF STATION SQUARE,
CARSON & SMITHFIELD STREETS
PROGRAM: "COINAGE OF THE SEVERAN DYNASTY" by John Burns
EXHIBITS: FOREIGN COINS & MEDALS

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SUNSHINE DEPT.- Nick Tutelo is still recuperating at home  
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MOTTOES - The last two months we covered mottoes and we will
continue with additional Latin-American nations and their
mottoes.

COLOMBIA was similar with "Libertad y Orden" on its shield;
(freedom and order). Order in the sense of orderliness.
Other mottoes on Columbian coins are - "Dios, Ley, Libertad"
(God, Law, Freedom) and "Dios, Patria, Libertad" (God,
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ECUADOR opted for "Poder en la Constitucion" (Strength
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A THOUGHT!- "Safety belts aren't half as confining as wheel  
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BRING A FRIEND ALONG TO THE MEETING.

COIN SHOWS: APRIL 13- CASTLE SHANNON COLLECTOR'S SHOW





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REGISTER OF 4-1, 1986 MEETING

## MEMBERS

Charles W. Erb

Larry Korbin

John H. Burns

Harry Gribble

Ed Kravitsch

*Edw. Sutton*

Wayne K. Horner

Ben. Hurst

Reckless Country

Klerik Gaetano

Ernest Smith

Wes Coltrane

## GUESTS



## Minutes of WPNS Meeting - Tues April 1, 1986

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Korchuk at 8:20 PM. The minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved. W. Homren gave the Treasurer's Report:

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Checking Acct Balance March 4 <sup>th</sup> | \$ 785.47 |
| white Elephant                              | + 2.00    |
| Appl. fee - Pat McBride                     | + 2.00    |
| Donation - ANA - 1986 Conv.                 | - 15.00   |
| CKing Acct Chge                             | - .74     |
| CKing Acct Balance                          | \$ 773.73 |

Correspondence - PAN Newsbooklet received. Larry Korchuk mentioned that W. Homren had a good article in booklet.

Old Business - J. Gaetano mentioned that on the Allegany Project - Larry K, Bill Hunter & Dick G. had a previous meeting - had gotten a set of pictures. Dick said he is cutting out the pictures and putting next to the write-ups. He showed some samples. Bill Hunter is trying to get a new set of sharper photos and hopefully they will be better than the ones on hand.

Membership Committee - Bill Hunter not present - thus no report.

New Business - W. Homren stated Dr Ewing didn't pay 1985-86 dues therefore the Secretary should write him a final letter either pay dues or be officially dropped. Larry Korchuk appointed a Nominating Comm of Dick Gaetano, Chuck Erb & himself.

Auditing Comm. apptd - J. Burns & Ed Krivoniak  
Program - R. Crosby introduced the speaker



April 1, 1986

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John Burns who spoke on "Coinage of the Severan Dynasty". He outlined all the members and the order in which they ruled in the early period from Roman history from years he related the murders, the politics and intrigue that took place in that period.

Exhibits - John Burns - had approx 22 pcs of coinage from the Severan Dynasty.

Ed Krivoniak - Had a collection of foreign coins he recently purchased.

W. Homren - a small collection of foreign coins, a book on check collecting; book covering pictorial history of U.S. Treasury; Book on Collecting old Stock & Bond Certificates.

R. Crosby - Die of the Hudson-Fulton Medal (Trial die)

L. Dziubek - Medal - Columbian Expo.; Lincoln G.A.R. Medal of an Encampment

L. Kerehnak - Confederacy Fantasy Postage Stamp; Box Taler that contained pictures; patterns French-Brit. and African pcs.  
"Jack the Ripper" token,

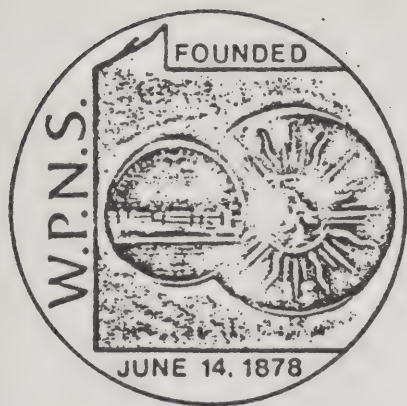
C. Erb - 2 Modern Confederacy tokens with Confed Emblem on Reverse; New 1986 Appenzell SOFR Shooting Taler.

Coin Shows were announced.

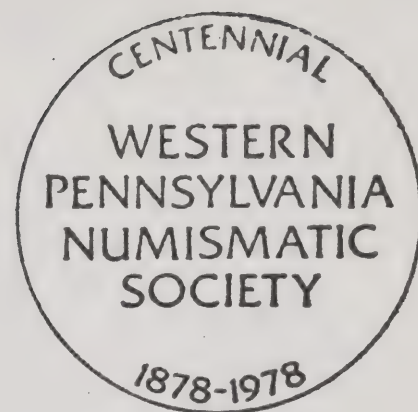
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C. N. Erb  
Secretary





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April 2, 1986

Dr. Charles M. Ewing  
Providence South Medical Center  
5301 Providence Rd Suite 80  
Virginia Beach, Va. 23464

Dear Dr. Ewing,

The treasurer informed me that you have not paid your 1984-85 dues or the 1985-86 dues and thus you are in arrears. In June the '86-87 dues notices will be issued. The dues year runs from July 1 to June 30. The dues is \$5.00 per year.

The by-laws state that any member who neglects to pay his dues shall be suspended after action has been taken by the Society at any stated meeting until all his dues have been paid.

Unless the dues are paid by May 4, 1986 I'll have to recommend you be dropped from the Society Roster.

We regret to take this action but we have reviewed the roster and we are trying to get all dues up-to-date.

Very truly yours,

*Charles N. Erb*

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130 W. Sandle Ave  
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WHERE: Conference Room C. 7th Floor of Station Square,  
Carson & Smithfield Streets  
PROGRAM: "POLAND'S EARLIEST COINAGE" by Larry Dziubek  
EXHIBIT: Examples of your specialty

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REFLECTIONS- John Burns certainly survived all the tongue  
twisters and his efforts to keep straight all the Roman  
characters of the Severan Dynasty and the order they ruled  
in his program at the APRIL MEETING. Very interesting!

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SEYCHELLES - In your years of collecting-one often read  
about coins being minted for this place. Where is it? - Why  
is it so important? Seychelles is a group of 85 islands  
extending 600 miles into the Indian Ocean above Madagascar  
(off east coast Africa). Mahe, the largest has 80% of the  
population. Named for Count Maurice de Seycelles when  
colonized by the French in 1756. The British took over in  
1814. Principal export is coconuts, a major source of oil  
for margarine & soap. Also, the second best known for  
cinnamon after Indo-China. Praslin, second largest island,  
called "Garden of Eden" has world's largest breadfruit  
tree. Praslin produces coco de mer, prized by Orientals as  
an aphrodisiac. Aldabra Island is the only place where  
large tortoises are still found and now protected. Races  
living here are African, Malaysian & French. The first  
coins used on the islands were rupees of Mauritius and  
Africa. As of 1969 coins minted have a total of only about  
40 types and earliest issues are very worn. The highest  
mintage for any one year only 150,000 pieces. In 1949 it  
was estimated that only 2,225,000 pieces in circulation.  
Seychelles attained independence in 1976.

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The membership committee reported that Pat McBride is being  
recommended for acceptance into WPNS. He will be discussed  
and voted on at this meeting.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "Husbands are like fires. They go out  
if unattended" Zsa Zsa Gabor

See you at the meeting - bring a friend.

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COIN SHOWS - Collectible Show - May 11, Route 88, Castle  
Shannon Fire Hall  
May 4, Holiday Inn - Belle Vernon, Rt 51 & I-70



## Minutes - WPNS Meeting of May 6, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Harry Korchmak at 8:25 PM. The minutes of the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were read and approved. Wayne Hansen gave the Treasurer's report:

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New Bank Balance

\$ 760.51

Old Business - Allegbury Project - Bill Hunter gave a report he had new prints made. The pictures have to be cut out and in June or July the setup should be finished.

New Business - Bill Hunter submitted an invoice for \$67.84 covering the new prints. A motion made and seconded and approved by members for payment.

Membership Comm. - Bill Hunter submitted a letter whereby the committee approved the application of Pat Mc Bride as member. A ballot vote was taken and it was unanimous that he be accepted.

Program - R. Crosby introduced the speaker Larry Dyjebek and Larry spoke on "Early Polish Coinage". He covered the periods of Polish history and then reverted to slides to show the earliest coinage which included the pieces



from his collection. His exhibit contained the same coins as his slides. Talk very informative and unusual.

Exhibits - Larry Ziebel - Polish coins; Badges - Kenningwood Park Univ of Pgh; Valley Forge Medal; Bank of Pgh Centennial Booklet 1810-1910

Larry Korchnak - Token - Notre Dame Cathedral Paris Good for 1 drink of water; Rare Necessity Coin Azores - 80 Reals - 1826

Erb - 1984 <sup>U.S.</sup> proof Set with Olympic piece; 1891 Swiss Silver Anniversary Medal; 8 Cantonal Coins of Switzerland; 1879 Swiss Shooting Token - Basel; 1796 Beon 1/2 Taler; Token - Kuhn (Billards & Cigars) - Tarentum Pa.

Bill Hunter - Philippine Coins

R. Crosby - Siamese Gambling Tokens plus reference book, Book on Napoleon

J Burns - ANS Centennial Book

W. Honren - Stock Certificates; Liberty 3 pc Proof Set; Fract. Currency; Book - Cartoons on Coins

R. Kunick - Hand for camera for taking coin photos; Literature on Canada for Torex Show

Added item - Membership voted to suspend Dr Ewing from Membership because he hasn't pd dues.

Coin shows announced.

Meeting adjourned 10:10 PM

on Erb - Sec.



Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Founded June 1-1, 1878.

REGISTER OF 5-6, 1986 MEETING

## MEMBERS

Charles W. Erb  
Richard C. Early  
John H. Blinn  
Bill Hunter  
Dick Gaetano  
Wayne Homen  
Ray Rinnick  
Larry Kruebel  
Larry Koehnke  
Wes Coleman  
Gomer M. Murdoch

## GUESTS

Put the Bible





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# Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Founded June 14, 1878

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DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1986

TIME: 7:30 p.m., Meeting begins at 8:15 p.m.

WHERE: Conference Room C, 7th Floor of Station  
Square, Carson & Smithfield Sts.

PROGRAM: BUSINESS MEETING and Reports

EXHIBITS: Examples of your specialty

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REFLECTIONS: It's amazing what our members collect. Larry Dziubek dug deep and came up with an interesting program of early Polish coinage vintage 1000 - 1300 A.D. at the April meeting....Larry was recently elected to the Civil War Token Society Board of Governors. Congradulations !!!

Even though our business meeting will be the election of new officers; afterwards we will have each member comment on his specialty exhibit. The meeting will be open for bull sessions. There will be soft drinks and snacks. Come out for a relaxing evening of fellowship and fun.

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The Nominating Committee has come up with the following slate of officers:

PRESIDENT.....Richard Crosby

VICE-PRESIDENT.....William Hunter

SECRETARY.....Wayne Homren

TREASURER.....John Burns

CURATOR.....Richard Gaetano

Other nominations may be made from the floor.

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Did you know that the State of Pennsylvania had a train holdup and robbery in the 20th century. Yes indeed! On Sept. 2, 1909 at Lewiston, PA. one of the most daring holdups of a railroad train occurred on the eastern slopes of the Allegheny mountains when a robber stopped a Penna. RR express train with a dynamite charge that forced the the crew to halt. At the point of a revolver, he compelled the crew to carry thousands of dollars in bullion and coins from the express car. The robber, mistaking one bag containing 10,000 new Lincoln cents for gold coin, staggered away with it, leaving the real gold bullion to be recovered by the railroaders. Five iron safes in the car were filled with currency to the amount of \$ 500,000. The robber missed this also. The Adams Express Company ordered every detective out, and had them search the surrounding area. I wonder if any of the 1909 Lincolns in your collection came from that bag?

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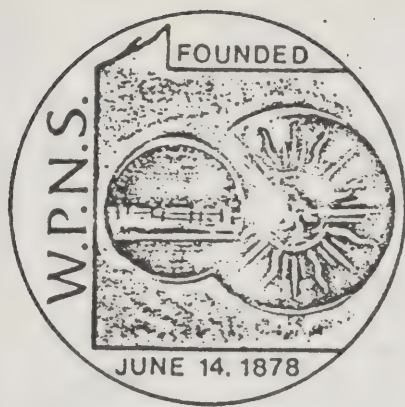
COIN SHOWS: MAY 31 - JUNE 1, Quality Inn, West Mifflin, PA.

JUNE 8 Collectable Fair, Castle Shannon Fire Hall

JUNE 7 - 8 Logan Valley Mall, RT.220, Altoona, PA.

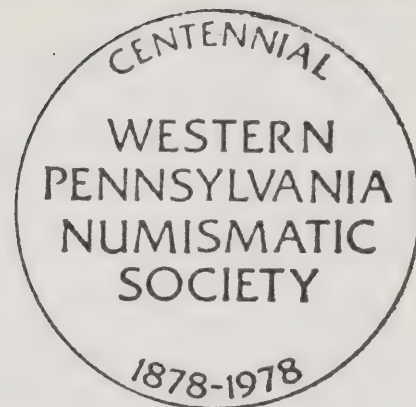
JUNE 22 Collectable Fair, Castle Shannon Fire Hall





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May 7, 1986

Mr Patrick McBride  
1080 Long Run Rd,  
McKeesport, Pa. 15132

Dear Pat,

It is with pleasure to formally tell you that you were voted in as a member of WPN.S. on May 6th. We are pleased to have you join our organization. A lot of prominent and noted numismatists have been members of WPN.S. over the years so we hope you can contribute to the history and respect this organization has across the country.

again our hearty congratulations.

Sincerely yours,  
Charles N. Erb  
Secretary







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To whom it May Concern -

The nominating committee places the following  
members of the WPNS in nomination for officers:

President - Richard Crosby  
V. Pres. - Wm. Hunter  
Sect'y - Wayne Homren  
Treas. - John Burns  
Curator - Richard Gaetano

Respectfully submitted  
I Cordial  
Charles W. Erb  
Richard Gaetano





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Written In Our 94th Year

January 30, 1986

Lawrence C. Korchnak  
Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society  
2543 Penn Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Dear Mr. Korchnak,

I apologize for not having written to you sooner, especially since I was so pleased to receive your letter of September 30 telling us of your enthusiasm for the ANA convention. We have had such positive response from Pittsburgh and we are now extremely excited about the 1989 ANA convention.

We all look forward to working together and to making the convention an outstanding numismatic event of the decade. Please keep up your enthusiasm and I look forward to coming to Pittsburgh soon to investigate the facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Ruthann Brettell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ruthann Brettell  
Executive Director

RB:mlh

## Fellow Numismatists -

As I look over the past year as President of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, I savor the exchanges of numismatic information that has become so characteristic of our organization. We have seen a wide range of numismatic, philatelic, and exonomic material - from the most bizarre to the common, from ancient to modern. The essence of a numismatic society such as ours is dependent upon our willingness to share what we know with others. WPNS stands out in this regard.

- 1) This year witnessed renewed impetus on the Allegheny Project. We now stand prepared to publish the first portion of our work due primarily to the efforts of Dick Gaetano and Bill Hunter.
- 2) The WPNS received a response from the Executive Director of the ANA Ms. Ruthann Brettell, assuring us of the opportunity to work with other numismatic organizations in the Pittsburgh area to sponsor the ANA convention in 1989. This, I feel, is a fitting role for ANA club member number 006.
- 3) The WPNS migrated to a new meeting place in Station Square due to the generosity and cooperation of the Carnegie Group.
- 4) This year we renewed the tradition of providing a quality speaker at the annual Social meeting.
- 5) It bears noting that we lost a respected member and a dear friend this year, Bob Porter.



In closing, I would like to thank the membership and especially my fellow officers for their dedication and support. Special note should be made of the splendid work done by Chuck Erb and Larry Dziubek on the Newsletter.

Thank you for letting me serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence C. Korchmal  
President

June 3, 1986

Annual

Report by Secretary - Charles Erb - 6-3-'86

We had some very interesting programs this year

July 2, 1985 "Andrew Jackson in Numismatics" by R. Crosby @ Social Room - Woodbridge

Aug 6, 1985 "Echoes of the Past" by Larry Dziobek

Sept 7, 1985 Picnic at Armore Murdoch's place  
after the Greensburg Show - where Armore showed Fireworks as an exhibit.

Oct 1, 1985 "Civil War Script" by Wayne Housen

Nov 5, 1985 Dinner at Wrights with Wives - Dr Richardson showed slides of Anthropology studies in Peru.

Dec 3, 1985 "Cal Chas Lindbergh" by Dick Graetaro

Jan 7, 1986 "American Game Counters" by L. Dziobek

Feb 4, 1986 "Echoes of the Past - Part II" by C. Erb

Mar. 4, 1986 "Lincoln Image" by R. Crosby

Apr 1, 1986 "Coinage of the Severan Dynasty" by John Burns

May 6, 1986 "Poland's Earliest Coinage" by L. Dziobek

June 3, 1986 Annual Mtg - Election of Officers

This year we lost one of our oldest members Robert Porter Jr - Feb 23, 1986 at the age of 90. In August 1985 - we had our first meeting at Station Square - we did meet at University Club.

Attendance - July '85 - 15, Aug - 14, Sept - 19 (Picnic)  
Oct - 13; Nov. dinner; Dec - 9 + 1 Guest; Jan - 12 + 2  
Feb 10 + 3; March - 11 + 1, Apr - 12, May - 11 + 1

Note - we still have a big job ahead of



us - and I recommend that the new officers continue the efforts to get members to the meetings and to get new members.

Being a secretary was really an experience and my best wishes to the new Secretary.

Also thank L. Dziubek for his part in helping to get out the newsletter.

Chuck Erb

## Minutes of Annual Business Meeting - June 3, 1986

Meeting called to order at 8:20 PM by Pres. Larry Korchnak. Minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved. Treasurer W. Hornren gave the Treasurer's Report

Checking Acct Balance - May 6<sup>th</sup> \$760.51

Expense - Allegh. Project 67.84

Bank Balance \$692.67

Allegheny Project - Bill Hunter commented on the status and in essence stated that the encased item work is being up-dated.

Nom. Committee Report - Larry Korchnak reported that the following slate of officers was chosen:

President - Richard Crosby  
Vice - Pres - William Hunter  
Secretary - Wayne Hornren  
Treasurer - John Burns  
Curator - Richard Gaetano

L. Korchnak opened the meeting for nominations from the floor for each of the officers. Since there weren't any - a motion was made and seconded the slate be voted in acclamation and that the secretary cast a ballot for each position.

Pres. Korchnak, V-P Crosby, Treas. - Hornren and Secretary Erb each gave a report to the society on the year's activities.



Exhibits -

Chuck Erb - 3-1820 Bust Halves - different varieties; 1836 half; 1820 & 1818 Bust Qtr, 2-Tokens; 1-Button from Little White Hse in Ga.; Volume 2 Seated Liberty Collectors Club plus <sup>Auction</sup> catalogs

John Burns - old Silver - dinner fork, some gems, Military Medal - 3 Purple Hearts; book on Medals & decorations and Sam - urai Swords

Pat Mc Bride - Mercury Dime Set plus his record catalog

Richard Crosby - 4-APIC Booklets that covered various political topics and collections.

Wayne Hansen - Several Campaign buttons of A. Lincoln; Civil War Token of Pgh; 5 pcs high grade type coins (Indian head cents, 2-Shield Nickels, a 10¢ proof 1875; articles on Silvano Genovese

Arnor Murdoch - Ridgeview Park Post Cards plus an old 1860 Fire Mark

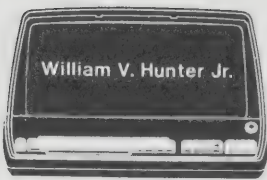
Wes Cottoman - Statue of Liberty Medal put out by Nat. Park Service

Larry Dziubek - 2 Maverick tokens plus some ancient's

Larry Korchnaak - American Canal Book plus several other publications on Riverboats.

Richard Crosby took over and outlined his objectives for the year 1) Good Programs 2) Good Newsletter 3) and we'll have a picnic, and a dinner at Wrights.

A discussion ensued afterwards where the question was raised as to how we could get rid of the ~~retail~~ charges on checking acct. Since we were an organization it was felt that the chgs will remain. J. Burns would look into it. Meeting adjourned 9:25 AM. C. ERB - Sec.



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March 20, 1986

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Mr. Charles Erb  
Secretary

Dear Mr. Erb:

The Membership Committee is hereby recommending that Mr. Patrick McBride be voted on for membership in the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society at the May, 1986 regular meeting.

The Committee has investigated and recommends membership for Mr. McBride as a new but very eager student of numismatics.

*Mr. Richard Gaetano*

Mr. Richard Gaetano

*Glenn A. Mooney*  
Mr. Glenn A. Mooney

*William V. Hunter, Jr.*

William V. Hunter, Jr.

Chairperson



# WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

PITTSBURGH, PENNA.

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Please Print)

I hereby apply for membership in the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, and agree if elected to abide by the Society's rules and by-laws.

Name PATRICK M'BRIDE

Address 1080 LONG RUN RD

MCKEESPORT PA Phone 672-2204  
M'BRIDE

Business WALLCOVERINGS INC Position OWNER

Business Address 1401 PATTERSON AVE M'K. PA

Age 34. I have been interested in numismatics for 2 years, and my present field of interest is US COINS MERCURY DIME

I am now a member of the following numismatic or other avocational organizations (Name in full) A.N.A. P.A.N.

MCKEESPORT COIN COLLECTORS

The sum of \$ 2.00 is attached, covering initiation fee and dues for 19   - 19  .

Date            19  .

FOR USE OF THE  
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Patrick McBride  
(Signature of Applicant)

As a member in good standing of the W. P. N. S., I endorse the above applicant for membership and enclose herewith a letter of recommendation.

Walter K. Hornum  
(Signature of Sponsor)

Wayne K. Homren  
1810 Antietam St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

March 4, 1986

Western Pennsylvania  
Numismatic Society

Gentlemen:

This letter concerns the membership application of Pat McBride. Pat is a new but enthusiastic coin collector. His main interests are "Mercury" dimes and U.S. Type Coins. He has been a member of the ANA, PAN, and the McKeesport Coin Club for about a year. Through these organizations he became acquainted with WPNS members Rodger Hershey, Don Carlucci, and Ray Rennick.

I met Pat at the PAN banquet last November. Since then he has regularly attended WPNS meetings as my guest. He has read and purchased several coin books, and is eager to learn more about numismatics. Both Pat and I believe joining WPNS would be a fine opportunity for him to learn from experienced collectors.

Sincerely,



Wayne K. Homren



## Minutes - WPNS Meeting of July 1, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Richard Crosby at 8:25 PM. Minutes of the June 3rd meeting were read. One amendment Charles Erb and Wayne Horner paid for refreshments.

Revised June report.

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| Prev. balance         | \$ 760.51    |
| Expense - Alley Proj. | - 67.84      |
| Expense - Newsletter  | - 17.19      |
| Service charge        | - <u>.98</u> |
|                       | \$ 674.50 .  |

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Auditing committee of John Burns and Ed Kuvioniak reported that the Societies books were found to be in order. John Burns outlined the charges and service fees for various checking accounts. He found an account at Mellon Bank which would pay interest on checking with a \$2.00/month service charge. The membership agreed with Pres. Crosby that it would be good to keep our account ~~with~~ with Mellon Bank.

### Allegheny Project

All information on the encased book is now in Bill Hunter's hands. The word-processing company is no longer involved.

Pres. Crosby announced the death of member Nick Tuttle. A sympathy card was passed around.

and signed by the membership. It will be mailed to Nick under. Larry Dzulek reported that she found some items for PNS, but no WPNS material yet.

Letter from Carnegie Institute: 8 folders of information + documents belonging to WPNS has been discovered at the Museum + mailed to Bill Hunter. WPNS letters, a coin book, one presentation, curator reports, library lists, "current event" - clippings of news articles. Treasurer Reports, correspondence files back to 1930. Items will be given to Curator Gustave.

Related question from John Burns - why was there a gap between 18 and 1912? Glen Mooney and Armon Murdoch reported that there had been some quarrels among members, and meetings were suspended. George Marlier maintained the club by himself for many years.

New business - Pres. Crosby complimented Sect. Horner on the new look from the newsletter. He suggested getting letterheads printed on our envelopes.

Crosby suggested issuing membership cards. Armon Murdoch pointed out that a "Certificate of Membership" is called for by our Constitution. Armon will try to locate an old one for reference.



Crosby also called for further club publicity, including notices in ANA and the local papers. Glenn Mooney mentioned that at one time, at least 12 reports a year would be published by WPNR in the numismatic press. Sexton Hornum will follow up. It was also suggested that we put a notice in the bulletin of the HSWP, and perhaps have a meeting there one time. We will also plan to issue a leaflet to be passed out at local coin shows.

Correspondence Announcement for a security firm newsletter @\$40/year. (Positive Protection Inc.) Firm has done some security for ANA Conventions. There is an announcement about the 1986 A.N.A. in Milwaukee.

Charles Ewing Dr. Sloss offered to pay the back dues of Dr Charles Ewing (Sloss son-in-law)

Program Bill Hunter introduced our speaker Glenn Mooney, who entertained us with his readings of several "News Notes" from the days of the Carnegie Museum collection volunteers.

A sign-up sheet for programs was passed around  
Bill Hunter will call Wright's Seafood Restaurant to  
arrange our November banquet.

### Exhibits

Glen Mooney.

Lincoln plaque

Pat McBride.

old photograph of steam engine.

John Burns

Numismatist article on PAN trip to  
Harrisburg for Nat'l Coin Week.

Ed Kravonick

Ceylon factory of 1808

New Zealand piece, two ancient

Chuck Erb

Bridge Medal of Peru 1869

Larry Dziubek

Token in brass. Head of donkey/Tail of donkey.

A "flipper" P.M. O'Donnell Bar w/ whiskey  
brand advertised. East Liberty merchant.

Dick Gaston

catalog of Statue of Liberty memorabilia. (SEARS)

(Medal of copper taken from statue;

Stone from base of Statue;

Italy - token w/ Coliseum & bomber

silver sales medal 1928 Sladebaker/Erskine

Wayne Hornen

Set of U.S. Type Coins, including 3 early  
copper pieces; Encased Postage Stamp

advertising cards and Agass Almanac 1884

Cardboard scrip 25.

Copies of Bob Porter article in Sept 1967

Numismatic Scrapbook on Washington Quarter  
varieties.



Bill Heister: Austrian currency + notgeld

Richard Crosby: 1932 Buffalo Centennial

1932 Hartford Fire Ins. Co. medal

Hilton Hotel medal

3 lb bronze plaque

Meeting adjourned at 10:10.

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REGISTER OF JULY 1, 1986 MEETING

## MEMBERS

Wayne K. Hornum

Pat the Bible

Mrs Colman

Bill Hunter

Marion Morrey

Samuel Johnson

Ed Krivonoz

John W. Burns

Larry Grubbs

Samstag 24. 11. 1874

in Erb

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Richard Grealy

## GUESTS

John L. Bushkin (



# Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Office of the Director

June 11, 1986

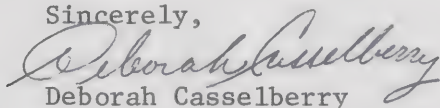
Dear Mr. Hunter,

Enclosed you will find eight (8) folders of material that belongs to the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society. I assume that it got intermixed when people such as James Sloss and Glenn Mooney worked not only with the Society but also with the Section of Coins and Medals of the Carnegie.

If in the future I should happen to find other such material as the items enclosed, I will mail them to you direct.

Thank-you for your time

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Deborah Casselberry".

Deborah Casselberry

Section of Anthropology

June 16, 1986

Carnegie Museum of Natural History  
4400 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213

Ms. Deborah Casselberry  
Section of Anthropology

Dear Ms. Casselberry:

I am in receipt of the material you mailed June 11, 1986  
pertaining to the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society.

You have done our Society a real service. The whereabouts of the  
material has been a perplexing problem perhaps even to the point  
of causing rash hard feelings. We are still missing a few items.  
Most notably the dies used in striking the Societies medals.

My position currently is that of Vice President of the Society.  
In that position I am sending this semi-official note of thanks.  
The material will be properly turned over to the Society at our  
July 1 meeting.

It is good to see signs that our Society and the Museum will be  
able to work together respectfully in the future.

Best wishes,

William V. Hunter, Jr.



## Washington Quarter Varieties

By ROBERT S. PORTER, JR.

(A paper delivered to the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society)

THE history of United States coinage provides us with many opportunities for exploration. Countless articles have been written of the seemingly endless varieties. New discoveries are in reality the spice of numismatics, and without them the hobby would be of little interest.

A subject that intrigues me and although it certainly is common knowledge, it has never received the attention it deserves. It has to do with the apparent difficulty our coinage has to get beyond its initial release without a revision of some nature. This is understandable, of course, in the early stages of colonial and regular U.S. coinage, because of the character of its process of manufacture. However, it appears since the birth of the small cent, we have had our troubles. The Flying Eagle type lasted through 1858, revised in 1859, 1860, and again in 1864 before it enjoyed a long reign until 1909. The Lincoln cent was only a few months of age until public reaction necessitated the removal of the designer's initials, which occupied a prominent place on the reverse of the coin. After restoration in 1918 to a somewhat obscure place, it endured for the next 40 years.

Our two-cent coin underwent a change in its first year of existence, and the three-cent silver lasted three years before it was altered.

Our nickel, first coined in 1866, seemed to have difficulty all along the line. In the second year the rays were removed and it had clear sailing until replaced by the Liberty Head Type. Resembling our five-dollar gold piece in design, and add-

ing a little color, it became one of our most notorious swindles. So a change was in order and the word CENTS was placed on the reverse.

The Buffalo nickel fared no better. The poor bison apparently had difficulty standing on the mound created for him, so after a few months they provided him with a flat bar to stand on. He did right well until 1938, and his successor, the Jefferson type, seemed to have no difficulty.

We are well aware of the troubles of our Standing Liberty quarter of 1916. Again public resentment of the semi-clad Miss Liberty forced a change in the following year. The half dollar of the same period and same general design, did not last out its second year, having the mint mark placed on the reverse instead of the obverse.

All of this leads up to the subject of this article, the "Washington Quarter Varieties."

First released in 1932 as a commemorative coin, honoring our first President, who was born in 1732, from its very inception it provides us with unlimited potential for variety discoveries.

As was true with its many related coinages herein described, it didn't survive the second year, having been designed with a very weak or "light" motto "In God We Trust" and giving it a flat and spongy effect and subjecting it to severe early wear. It was generally known as Type I in contrast to its successor in early 1934, which is known as Type II or the "heavy" motto.

Type I was minted in Philadelphia only while Type II was minted in

both Philadelphia and Denver. Altho recognized and described in many articles, the Type I and Type II did not receive "Guide Book" acceptance until the 1967 edition.



Type II



Type III

For reasons unexplained, a further noticeable die variety was added in the same year, 1934, and generally known as Type III. It differed from Type II in that the lettering of the motto was again changed. The elongated letters of "O" and "D" in GOD were shortened and rounded; the center vortex of the "W" in WE extends above the outer stems as contrasted to below the stems in Type II; the right lower stem of the letter "R" in TRUST is blunt instead of pointed, and minor changes were effected in the reverse design as well. This design is reported as having been minted in both Philadelphia and Denver, but examination of some hundred or so coins by this writer failed to disclose any Denver mintage, so they would appear to be very scarce.

A so-called Type IV variety is the result of a broken die or hub, and was not done by intent, so it requires special study for any analysis.

The most peculiar feature of this

coin of many varieties is that the mintage of Type III was continued at all three mints during the entire year of 1935, but in 1936 and thereafter reverted to Type II, making it probably the only coin in modern history to revert to a preceding variety.

Walter Breen reports minor varieties in 1938, 1944, 1945 and 1956, with the probability of others, so we must concede the Washington quarter has undergone many changes in its 36 years of existence. Many believe this "commemorative" coin of 1932 is soon to be replaced with an entirely new design.

Come to think of it, renewed interest would be most welcome at this time.

#### 1867 over 67 Cent

In the 1860's U.S. working dies were only partly hubbed from a master die, lettering and dates usually being punched into the die.



That die preparation procedure created numerous date varieties in the Indian Cent series; one of them being an instance where the 67 was punched twice. The accompanying photo, furnished thru courtesy of Paramount International Coin Corp., is from an uncirculated specimen and clearly shows the double 6 and 7.

Thanks to . . .

Arnold Marmon, Wm. F. Sneed, Paul E. Mausz, Joseph Silverman, L. Mickey, Leon T. Lindheim, C. A. Brownell and M. C. Sauer for newspaper and magazine clippings.





# Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



DATE: Tuesday, August 5, 1986  
TIME: 7:30 P.M. Meeting starts 8:15 P.M.  
WHERE: Conference Room C, offices of Carnegie Group Inc,  
7th Floor of Station Square, Carson & Smithfield Streets  
PROGRAM: "THE JOHN BECK ESTATE", by Emerson Smith  
EXHIBITS: Key Dates: Any 1856 Flying Eagle Cents out there?

**DUES are DUE:** Yearly dues are payable in July. Several members paid at the July meeting. If you can't make the next meeting, please mail your \$5.00 check to our Treasurer, John Burns, 96 LaMont Drive, No. Huntingdon, PA 15642.

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At the July meeting, Glenn Mooney entertained us with delightful readings from his collection of "News Notes from the Numismatic Cellar". The satirical descriptions of the various types of coin dealers, collectors, curators, club members and officers were right on target.

Under club business, Bill Hunter reported that all materials for the encased coinage book is now in his hands. President Crosby suggested that "Certificates of Membership" be issued again by the Society. Curator Dick Gaetano is now in possession of eight folders of documents belonging to WPNS recently discovered at Carnegie Institute. Included were letters, curator reports, clippings of articles, and correspondence files dating back to 1930.

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Some progress has been made on publicity. I've prepared a five-paragraph summary of Society activities in the previous year, based on the outgoing officers' reports. It will be available for comment at the meeting. We plan to submit it to one or more numismatic publications, such as Coin World and PAN's Clarion.

\*\*\*\*\* BOOK SALE \*\*\*\*\*

WPNS has been given the opportunity to disperse a large collection of numismatic books and supplies belonging to a longtime member. Society members will be given first chance to purchase materials at a discount from normal retail. Remainders will be consigned to a national auction. All profits will go to the WPNS treasury. A 10-page inventory will be available at the August meeting. There's something for everyone! Here's a sampling:

A Redbook set, including a 1st edition, several Wayte Raymond Standard Catalogues, misc. US books, including an original Crosby's Early US Coins, some hardbound auction catalogs of US Large Cent collections, books on foreign coins, esp. Brazil, India, and Canada. Many metal 2x2 storage boxes, 2x2 envelopes and holders, misc. coin albums, 2 aluminum display cases, Capitol plastic holders, and a heavy-duty light.

\*\*\*\*\* COIN SHOWS \*\*\*\*\*

A.N.A. Annual Convention, Milwaukee, WI August 6-10  
Antique and Collectible Fair, Castle Shannon Firemen's Hall, Rt 88, Aug 10.  
Greensburg Show, Mt. View Inn, Rt 30, Sept 6-7

## Minutes - WPNS Meeting of August 5, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Richard Crosby at 8:20 P.M. minutes of the July 1st meeting were read and approved. Scott Hornen read the Treasurer's report for the absent John Burns.

|                |                |      |                 |
|----------------|----------------|------|-----------------|
| Dues '86       | Erb            |      | 5               |
| "              | '86 Dziubek    |      | 5               |
| "              | '86 Hornen     |      | 5               |
| "              | '86 Krivoniak  |      | 5               |
| "              | '86 Crosby     |      | 5               |
| "              | '86 Gaetano    |      | 5               |
| "              | '86 Hunter     |      | 5               |
| "              | '86,87 McBride |      | 10              |
| "              | '85-88 Ewing   |      | 20              |
| "              | '86 Burns      |      | 5               |
| Sale (4)       | WPNS Medals    |      | 14              |
| Service charge |                | 2.00 |                 |
|                |                | 2.00 | 84.00           |
|                | Prev. balance  |      | 674.50          |
|                |                |      | 758.50          |
|                |                |      | - 2.00          |
|                | Total          |      | <u>\$756.50</u> |

### Allegheny Project

Bill Hunter reported progress on the Enceased Cent book. An acknowledgement and introduction are being written. A graph of dates vs frequency is



being drawn up as well. Dick Gaetan suggested adding a loose-leaf checklist of increased items to be included with the book. Photos will be pasted on the remaining pages. A finished proof copy should be ready by the next meeting.

#### BANQUET

Bill Hunter has reserved the "Fireplace Room" at Wrights Seafood.\* The restaurant would let us order from the menu if we have fewer than 25 people \* for the November 4, 1986 social meeting.

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Bill Hunter reported that programs have been scheduled for every month except August. Annor Murdoch offered to host another picnic meeting. A speaker has not ~~been~~ been chosen for the banquet. Bill Hunter will be in charge. Sect'y Women will send an invitation to the banquet with the next newsletter.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Richard Crosby reported receiving a certificate from Allegheny County for National Coal Week.

ANA CERTIFICATES were received by speakers directly from ANA in honor of their programs they presented to WPNS. 2/6

## PUBLICITY

Secty Horner passed a copy of a summary of club activities for the year. Chuck Erb suggested adding the election of our current officers.

Rich Gaetano suggested simply adding Coin World and Numismatic News to our regular mailing list.

## CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

Amos Murdock reported that he has been unable to locate his old certificates, but he would search further and hope to locate them by next month's meeting.

## BOOK SALE

Pres. Crosby ~~announced~~ announced that the Society will be selling a large collection of numismatic books and supplies from member Paul Scheetz.

Harry Korchnak suggested having next month's meeting at Richard Crosby's office next month.

The books will be available for sale at  $\approx 20\%$  off retail. Expensive books which don't sell will be sent to a national numismatic book auction.

A list of material was passed out at the meeting. Material will be shown from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Cliff Sutter suggested keeping the books as a library, then sell them at a table at the ANA. After some discussion, it was decided to sell them immediately to the members



## NEW BUSINESS

ARCHIVES Ray Rennick obtained several boxes of club archives from Nick Tuttle's widow, mostly for PWS. There is one book of WPNS material.

ALLEGHENY PROJECT Ray Rennick has 25 pages of information on Pittsburgh banks. He would like to publish a book on banks of the city (not the whole county) in time for the 1989 ANA. There are about 50 banks involved. He has many photographs.

## PROGRAM

Bird Hunter introduced Emerson Smith, a WPNS member since 1958. Emerson has helped to dispose of many numismatic estates. He spoke about John Beck and his coin collection.

The collection included one of the most complete sets of territorial gold ever formed. It was in a bank vault from 1924 to 1975, overlooked by the numismatic community. Almer Kreisberg auctioned the collection. It was appraised at \$700,000. It sold in 3 sales, bringing \$6.5 million. There were 993 3-dollar gold pieces. There were 571 1856 Flying Eagle cents, most in mint collections.

GUESTS Alan Sheffler, guest of Cliff Sutton.

EXHIBITS

Bill Hunter 2 Swiss medals, a U.S./Swiss  
commemorative from WWI. A German states piece.

Wayne Homren 14 custom-made holders for  
Embossed Postage Stamps. From the Dunham/Ben Green/  
John Ford collection. Small boxes, green felt,  
printed labels.

Armor Murdoch "Dennis the Menace" cartoon about  
portrait

Larry Dziubek 2 pieces of Fractional Currency.  
A 1910 booklet issued by the Bank of Pittsburgh.  
Mame book from Tarentum Bank & Trust Co.  
Some Pittsburgh ~~to~~ postcards

Ernest Smith Handbound Book Collection catalogs

Ray Rennick set of Roosevelt dimes; set of Lincoln cents

Larry Kerschnek so score silver piece of Katarah;  
a Papal Scudo 1851;



Cliff Sutton Dime bank in shape of a pocketwatch,  
from the Colonial Trust Company

Richard Crosby Bronze medals; a University of Pgh  
medal; a railroad pass from 1952 Republican  
convention.

#### Other business

Secty Horner displayed a draft copy of a reprint  
of our Society Bylaws, Constitution, and  
Roster of Members.

Adjournment 10:10 PM

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Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Register of August 5th, 1986 meeting

MEMBERS

Wayne K. Hornen  
Bill Hunter  
Donna M. Murdoch  
C. Erb  
Gerry Gimbels  
Amoson Smith  
**Don Carlucci**  
Ray Remnick  
L. Borchnak  
Richard Grady  
Dex Gactane  
Glenn E. Herman, Sr.  
Pat M. Le  
Chas. F. Dratz  
Jeff Sutton

GUESTS

Alan E. Strofer



W.P.N.S. - Signup for monthly programs

NAME

PROGRAM TITLE

August 5

Emerson Smith - The John Beck Estate  
~~BRITISH EAST AFRICA~~ EDWARD A. KRIVONIAK

September 2

The History and Collecting of Checks"  
~~American~~ (CCRT slide presentation) by Wayne Homren

October 7

American Art Medals. by Richard J. Crosby

November 4

(Banquet) - 25 people - Wrights Sea Food Inn  
Terry

December 2

Sales Tax Tokens Dick Gaetano

January 6, 1987

Ed Krivoniak - British East Africa

February 3

- Lawrence Korchmak - Napoleon prior to Waterloo

March 3

"Bust Quarters" Chuck ERB

April 7

"Railroads & Numismatics" - Glenn Mooney

May 5

"6 $\frac{1}{4}$  and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  Cents: Odd Denominations in  
Early Pittsburgh Money" - Wayne Homren

June 2

"Numismatic Conventions" - Ray Benwick

July 7

"An Allegheny County Topic" - Bill Hunter

Aug.

- Picnic

## **Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society**

### **Continues Tradition**

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, located in Pittsburgh, PA, is one of the oldest such societies in the nation. They are ANA Life Club Member number 6, and are a Charter Club member of PAN, the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists. Founded in 1878, WPNS continues a longstanding tradition of numismatic fellowship.

Monthly Society meetings are a clearinghouse for exchanging numismatic knowledge on a wide variety of topics, from the most bizarre to the common, from ancient to modern. The past year's programs included "Andrew Jackson in Numismatics," "American Fire Marks," "Money of the Civil War," "Col. Charles Lindbergh," "American Game Counters," "The Lincoln Image," "Coinage of the Severan Dynasty," and "Poland's Earliest Coinage."

Also, the Society drew upon its extensive archives for "Echoes of the Past," two programs based on speeches presented at meetings many years before. Many of these presentations had been published in The Numismatist or Numismatic Scrapbook. The author of one of the presentations was Robert S. Porter Jr., one of WPNS's oldest members, who recently passed away at the age of 90. Porter was president of WPNS from 1948 through 1950.

This year the Society renewed its tradition of offering a quality outside speaker at its annual dinner social meeting. Dr. James Richardson of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History spoke on his anthropological studies of ancient Peru.

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society hosted the 1935 ANA Convention, and is looking forward to its joint sponsorship (with other local clubs) of the planned 1989 ANA Convention in Pittsburgh.



Pittsburgh, Pa. June 14<sup>th</sup> 1878.

At a meeting held this evening, for the purpose of organizing a Numismatic Society, the following gentlemen were present -

Messrs. S. H. Morgan, F. J. Kirk, E. F. Maynard, R. H. Shipman, John Rivett & Geo. W. Rode.

Election of  
Officers.

On motion the following temporary officers were elected:

President; S. H. Morgan,

Vice President; F. J. Kirk.

Secretary; Geo. W. Rode.

Treasurer; E. F. Maynard.

Name.

Resolved, that this Society be known as "The Western Penna. Numismatic Society."

Meetings.

Resolved, "that Friday be adopted as the regular meeting night."

On motion, adjourned.

Geo. W. Rode.  
Secy.

Pittsburgh, Pa. June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1878.

Met at 8.15 P.M. The president, Mr. Morgan in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Con. adopted.

Con action "The Constitution and By-Laws were adopted as read."

Collections.

The following members paid their Initiation Fee of One (\$1) Dollar each.

\$6.00

S. W. Morgan, R. H. Shipman, F. J. Kirk, John Rivett, E. F. Maynard, & Geo. W. Rode.

The Secretary reported that he had received Six (\$6) Dollars for Initiation Fees.

Resolved, "that the Treasurer and Secretary be directed to buy the necessary books."

Collection of Coins bought.

Resolved, "that the President be authorized to buy the collection of American Coins from Mr. Maynard for Twenty (\$20) Dollars."

Resolved, "that the above collection be sold at auction, at the next meeting."

Resolved, "that the dues commence on the first day of July, 1878."

Con action - Adjourned.

Geo. W. Rode, Secy.

Present. Messrs. Shipman, Kirk, Rivett, Maynard, Morgan & Rode.  
G. W. R. secy.



## Warrants drawn

| No. | Date    | For                      | Account                                                                                                                                                                    | Am't   |
|-----|---------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1   | June 28 | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.      | Subscription to Amer. Journal of Numis.                                                                                                                                    | 2 00   |
| 2   | July 5  | S. H. Morgan, Pres.      | Collection of American Coins                                                                                                                                               | 24 00  |
| 3   | "       | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.      | Stearns, Foster & Co's. bill                                                                                                                                               | 1 60   |
| 4   | "       | S. H. Morgan, Pres.      | 1878 Proof Set.                                                                                                                                                            | 4 50   |
| 5   | 19      | S. H. Morgan             | Exposition Committee, 1878                                                                                                                                                 | 5 00   |
| 6   | Aug 30  | R. H. Shipman            | Do.                                                                                                                                                                        | 4 50   |
| 7   | Oct. 11 | John Rivett              | Services at Exposition, 1878                                                                                                                                               | 5 00   |
| 8   | "       | R. H. Shipman            | Expenses at " 1878                                                                                                                                                         | 38 38  |
| 9   | "       | S. H. Morgan             | Services at " 1878                                                                                                                                                         | 27 00  |
| 10  | "       | E. F. Maynard            | Money advanced, for dies, planchets &c                                                                                                                                     | 85 00  |
| 11  | "       | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.      | Priced catalogues, sales <sup>July 30 - 1.00</sup> Oct. 10 <sup>1.50</sup>                                                                                                 | 1 50   |
| 12  | Nov. 15 | Do.                      | Copper, Brass & Silver Medals                                                                                                                                              | 16 00  |
| 13  | Dec. 27 | Do.                      | Priced catalogues of "Root" sale                                                                                                                                           | 1 50   |
| 14  | Jan. 17 | E. F. Maynard            | Insurance on coins at Exposition, 1878                                                                                                                                     | 12 00  |
| 15  | 24      | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.      | Priced Catalogue, sale Jan. 3 - <sup>50</sup><br>C.C. Journal (\$1.00) Numisma (\$50) <sup>1.50</sup><br>Priced Catalogues - Jan. 31 (\$54) Feb. 28 (\$54) <sup>1.00</sup> | 2 00   |
| 16  | Mar. 7  | Do.                      | Mar. 3 - 8 (\$1.50) Mar. 14 - (50¢) <sup>2.00</sup>                                                                                                                        | 3 00   |
| 17  | 21      | J. E. H. Kelley          | 1878 20 ct. piece - proof.                                                                                                                                                 | 4 25   |
| 18  | Apr. 14 | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.      | Priced catalogues                                                                                                                                                          | 2 00   |
| 19  | May 9   | R. H. Shipman            | " "                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 00   |
| 20  | 1 23    | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.      | " "                                                                                                                                                                        | 2 00   |
| 21  | June 6  | Do.                      | " "                                                                                                                                                                        | 3 00   |
| 22  | 20      | Do.                      | " "                                                                                                                                                                        | 2 00   |
| 23  | "       | Do.                      | Subscription to Amer. Jour. of Numis.                                                                                                                                      | 23 23  |
| 24  | July 11 | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.      | Exp. & Early Coins of America. <sup>\$1.25</sup> <sup>Aug. 20</sup>                                                                                                        | 9 30   |
| 25  | Aug. 1  | H. P. Woodbridge         | Gas Bill                                                                                                                                                                   | 50     |
| 26  | "       | J. E. H. Kelley          | Exposition Committee.                                                                                                                                                      | 10 00  |
| 27  | 15      | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.      | Coins & medals of the world <sup>1.25</sup><br>Expenses on medals donated by H. <sup>1.25</sup>                                                                            | 1 50   |
| 28  | 22      | J. E. H. Kelley          | Exposition Committee, 1879.                                                                                                                                                | 100 00 |
| 29  | "       | W. E. Lockner, Jr.       | Priced Catalogue of sale July 29 & 30                                                                                                                                      | 1 00   |
| 30  | Sept. 3 | J. E. H. Kelley          | Binding Crosby's "Early Coins of America"                                                                                                                                  | 2 75   |
| 31  | "       | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.      | Priced catalogues                                                                                                                                                          | 2 50   |
| 32  | Oct. 17 | Do.                      | Do. Do.                                                                                                                                                                    | 4 50   |
| 33  | Nov. 7  | Do.                      | Gas Bill                                                                                                                                                                   | 60     |
| 34  | "       | J. E. H. Kelley, Curator | Books for use of Curator.                                                                                                                                                  | 1 25   |
| 35  | "       | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.      | Priced catalogues                                                                                                                                                          | 1 00   |
| 36  | 14      | J. E. H. Kelley          | Binding "Monograph of Great & Small"                                                                                                                                       | 90     |
| 37  | 21      | E. F. Maynard            | Assessments Nov. 142 - refund d. <sup>125 75</sup>                                                                                                                         | 125 75 |



| No. | Date         | Favor                                    | Account                                                               | Am't         |
|-----|--------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|     | 1880<br>1879 |                                          | (Amount forward)                                                      | 26 80        |
| 38  | Dec. 17      | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.                      | Books for use of Secy.                                                | 1 15         |
| 39  | "            | Geo. W. Rode                             | Sweden's Medals of Washington                                         | 2 15         |
| 40  | 19           | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.                      | Silver, Copper & Brass Medals of 1879                                 | 27 60        |
| 41  | 26           | A. C. Gies, Jr.                          | 1879 Proof Set.                                                       | 4 00         |
| 42  | Jan. 9       | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.                      | Priced Catalogues                                                     | 2 46         |
| 43  | Jan. 9       | Ferguson H. Co.                          | Printing Note Heads & Labels for Library                              | 4 00         |
| 44  | "            | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.                      | Priced Catalogues                                                     | 2 55         |
| 45  | 30           | Do.                                      |                                                                       | 2 46         |
| 46  | "            | Do.                                      | Subscription for 1880 to Numismata & Scott's Coin Collector's Journal | 1 50         |
| 47  | Feb. 6       | Do. <sup>Duplicates not of Warrent</sup> | Blank Check Book for Treasurer                                        | 1 00         |
| 48  | "            | Do. <sup>Do.</sup>                       | Gas Bill                                                              | 1 10         |
| 49  | 24           | Geo. W. Haseltine                        | Priced Catalogues to date                                             | 1 00         |
| 50  | Mar. 5       | H. H. Lewis & Co.                        | Printing Constitution & By-Laws                                       | 10 50        |
| 51  | 12           | A. C. Gies, Jr.                          | 1880 Proof Set.                                                       | 4 00         |
| 52  | Apr. 9       | J. M. Haseltine                          | Priced Catalogues                                                     | 2 97         |
| 53  | "            | Geo. W. Rode                             | Scott's Coin Collector's Journal                                      | 5 50         |
| 54  | May 7        | Do.                                      | Gas Bill                                                              | 1 00         |
| 55  | 28           | J. M. Haseltine                          | Priced catalogues in full to date                                     | 2 93         |
| 56  | June 25      | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.                      | Sub. for 1880-81 to Numismata & Scott's Journal of Numismatics        | 2 00         |
|     |              |                                          |                                                                       | <u>32 22</u> |
| 57  | July 2       | Geo. W. Haseltine                        | Priced Catalogues                                                     | 1 34         |
| 58  | "            | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.                      | Bill for Postage                                                      | 3 00         |
| 59  | "            | Geo. W. Haseltine                        | Priced Catalogues in full to date                                     | 1 00         |
| 60  | Aug. 6       | Do.                                      | Do. (July)                                                            | 1 09         |
| 61  | Sept. 3      | R. H. Lawrence, Curator                  | Vols. III & IV of A. Journal of Numismatics                           | 9 00         |
| 62  | Oct. 29      | J. M. Haseltine                          | Priced Catalogues to Oct. 27, 1880                                    | 4 48         |
| 63  | Nov. 19      | Geo. W. Rode                             | White Envelope 12 1/2 - 3 50<br>Minute Books 1 75                     | 2 10         |
| 64  | Dec. 17      | J. M. Haseltine                          | Priced Catalogues in full to date                                     | 3 46         |
| 65  | Feb. 2       | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.                      | 1879 Goid Metric Coin exp. 6.10                                       | 6 20         |
| 66  | "            | Do.                                      | Sub. for 1881 to Numismata & Scott's Journal of Numismatics 1.00      | 1 50         |
| 67  | "            | J. M. Haseltine                          | Priced Catalogues to date                                             | 2 53         |
| 68  | "            | J. C. Colburn                            | Vols. V to XII (inclusive) A. J. of N. 16.00                          | 16 30        |
| 69  | May 6        | A. C. Gies, Curator                      | Priced catalogues to date                                             | 4 72         |
| 70  | June 17      | H. C. Woodbridge                         | Rent to July 1st 1881                                                 | 8 33         |
| 71  | "            | A. C. Gies, Curator                      | Priced Catalogues                                                     | 1 46         |
| 72  | "            | Geo. W. Rode, Secy.                      | Postage                                                               | 5 00         |
| 73  | "            | A. C. Gies, Curator                      | A. Journal of numismatics. 1881-2 vol.                                | 2 00         |
|     |              |                                          |                                                                       | <u>73 53</u> |
|     |              |                                          |                                                                       | Total.       |



# Proof Coins and Sets of the United States

By ROBERT S. PORTER, JR.

(A paper presented to Western Pa. Numismatic Society)

MORE THAN 100 years ago, the year 1834 to be exact, the Secretary of State of the United States, John Forsythe, wrote a letter to the Director of the United States Mint, requesting that two complete sets of coins of the United States be prepared for presentation to the King of Siam and the Sultan of Muscatine. The letter directed that cases to contain the coins, not only to preserve them from being soiled, but to show them to better advantage, be purchased at the discretion of the Director of the Mint, and that any expense incurred by the artist employed, was duly authorized therein.

Since this presentation was recognized as a valued gift as early as 1834, it is difficult to imagine why it required a hundred years or more to develop it to the extent it is today. History does not record in what manner these gifts were received or what disposition was made of them, but any true numismatist might wonder why the State Department did not continue the practice. For example, we are inclined to the belief that a presentation by Secretary of State Dulles of some similar nature to a certain Egyptian ruler might have pleased his vanity to the point of greater consideration of our objective in the Middle East.

But to get back to our subject, it seems rather simple to trace our present interest in proof sets to the private development of containers to receive them. And no one will deny the fact that the tremendous interest and growth of coin collecting in general is due to the development of the common folder. If figures were available of the sales of

these common containers over the past twenty years, it would stagger the imagination. These simple containers opened the way for the many and varied types in use today. The coinage of proof sets from 1936 to 1942 lacked appeal simply for the lack of housing. Individual specimens were much more in demand than sets, as can be recognized by scanning the mint coinage records. When proof coinage was re-established in 1950, we were required to purchase in sets only, but it was not until 1955 that any type of housing was used, and immediately a renewed interest in proof sets became noticeable. This housing, however, could not begin to compare with that of foreign governments, who were quick to realize the value of fine containers, and who for several years prior to this were offering them in cases fit for a King or Queen whose portraits were gracing the beautiful coins they contained.

What has been said of proof sets might also be said of mint sets. Our foreign neighbors throughout the world provide selected coins in more attractive cases than our own United States. We even go so far as to advise that coins are not selected, but simply run of the mint, and so if we are unfortunate, we may receive a set of coins that will discourage us from further purchase. Our Uncle Sam is a little slow to action, however, and maybe we can look for some improvement in distribution in the near future.

There have been many who have tried to disparage the set collector by pointing out the monotonous similarity of the series with the only

distinguishing feature a tiny mint mark or a different date, but the evidence seems to indicate the void of one or more coins in a set only incites the collector to completion.

It is also a well known fact that a completed set generally is valued at considerably less than the composite pieces that comprise it. A careful scrutiny of the advertising section of any current numismatic journal will offer for sale from one to a half-dozen scarce circulated coins for a collective price of as much as entire sets are being offered. Notable examples are Lincoln cents, Jefferson nickels, Liberty Head and Mercury dimes and Washington quarters. The same may be said of uncirculated or proof sets, especially the latter. Purchased separately, the cost far exceeds the completed set. So if we were to point out a moral, it would be "Save your money for a completed set." But this would take most of the fun out of collecting, so we presume it will continue much the same as it has in the past.

Coin collecting today is comparable to the hurricanes that have been visiting our shores in profusion the past several years. Some blow themselves out in a short time, while others, for no accountable reason seem to take hold and just keep going. One never knows for sure when either will blow itself out but we are inclined to believe that sets or series or types seem to hold the greatest interest among collectors today, and with the able assistance of the manufacturers of beautiful containers, they should retain their position at the top of the field of numismatics.

• A hoard of 708 Greek coins of 2nd and 3rd centuries B.C. has been found in Romania.

## A NUMISMATIST'S WIFE'S LAMENT

Has a double eagle come between us?  
I shall have to be ingenious!  
Have you been stolen by a stella?  
Or are you really still my fella?  
I'll keep you uncirc. but not aloof—  
Do you love me?—Give me proof!

—Author wants to remain anonymous.

It started as a hobby  
To keep from being bored,  
Collecting dimes and pennies  
It was all he could afford.

But as the hobby grew and grew  
Some folders, he did need,  
And then some special coin books  
He simply had to read.

Then he saved some quarters  
And finally it got worse,  
He joined the Valley Coin Club  
And leaner went the purse.

There he learned about the Proofs  
That he could buy and save,  
They only cost him two-ten each  
You should have heard him rave.

How if he bought enough of them  
And saved them for a spell,  
They'd multiply in value  
Until the time to sell.

So he drew out all his savings  
That was for a rainy day,  
And bought some Proofs and  
P halves

And filed them all away.  
Now we found it logical  
To rent a bank vault too,  
We didn't want it stolen  
There was nothing else to do.

So, though some day, we may be rich  
I've often heard it told,  
I wish I could enjoy it now  
Instead of when I'm Old.

This poem was composed and written by Mrs. Mont Ball, Sharon, Pa. who is a wife and mother of three members of the Shenango Valley Coin Club, Farrell, Pa.

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Wayne K. Homren  
1810 Antietam St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
August 6, 1986

Mr. J. Paul Scheetz  
5815 Wilkins Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA, 15217

Dear Mr. Scheetz:

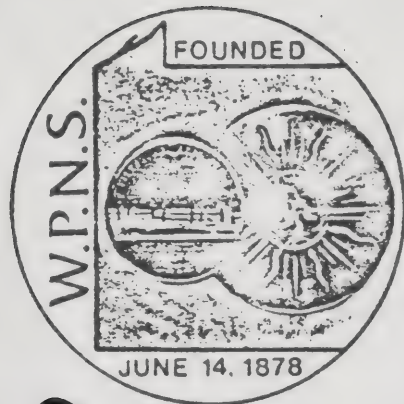
This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your numismatic books and supplies. They are in the possession of our President, Richard Crosby. We are in the process of cataloging the material, and it will be made available for sale at upcoming meetings. Thank you very much for giving the Society an opportunity to sell this diverse collection.

Sincerely,

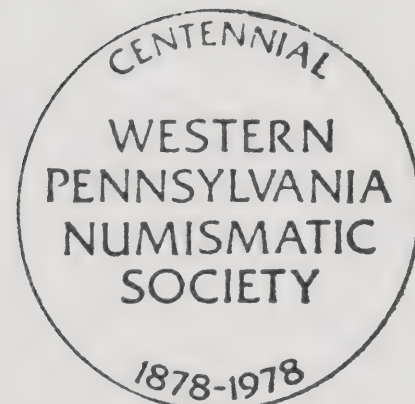
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Wayne K. Homren  
WPNS Secretary





## Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



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DATE: Tuesday, September 2, 1986  
TIME: 6:00 P.M. Meeting starts 8:15 P.M.  
WHERE: 2543 Penn Avenue, Strip District  
Offices of Crosby Exterminating Co.  
PROGRAM: "THE HISTORY AND COLLECTING OF CHECKS" by Wayne Homren

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Please note the **NEW TIME and LOCATION** for September's meeting. We will meet at Richard Crosby's office, where the numismatic books and supplies will be displayed for sale (to MEMBERS ONLY). A partial list of material was published in last month's newsletter, and an expanded list was provided at the August meeting. The sale will begin at 6:00 pm, and the regular meeting will start at the usual time of 8:15.

\*\*\*\*\* DUES! \*\*\*\*\*

**DUES are PAST DUE:** Yearly club dues are payable in July. Most members have paid, either in person or by mail. If you haven't paid yet, please mail your \$5.00 check to our Treasurer, John Burns, 96 LaMont Drive, No. Huntingdon, PA 15642.

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At the August meeting, longtime member Emerson Smith treated us to an insider's look at the magnificent Beck collection, which sat hidden in a Pittsburgh bank vault for over 60 years.

Ray Rennick arrived at the meeting with an old bound volume of early WPNS records, obtained from Nick Tutelo's widow. Included were the minutes of the Society's first meeting, on June 14th, 1878. We can all rest easier knowing this material has finally been located.

Bill Hunter has lined up programs for the upcoming year. A printed program is enclosed. The November Social meeting will be held at Wright's Seafood Inn.

\*\*\*\*\* "Don't Leave Rotterdam Without It!" \*\*\*\*\*

Many of our members collect emergency money. Is anyone aware that the American Express Company once issued emergency notes to relieve a shortage in Rotterdam at the outbreak of World War I? Some 150,000 American tourists were caught in Europe when "suddenly the trains stopped running, the borders shut with a bang, and the whole, vast, intricate mechanism of international finance stopped... Suddenly guns began going off along the frontiers." The tourists wanted to go home in a hurry, but that was impossible, for the time being. No ships were sailing, and there were not enough hotel rooms in the cities. "Worst of all, nobody could get any money; that is, nobody but holders of American Express Travelers Cheques." There was chaos as travelers flooded into the neutral city of Rotterdam.

American Express Manager Van der Zeyde called on the American consul. "I would like to issue our own small denominational money, five-guilder, two-and-a-half-guilder, and one-guilder notes, but I suppose it would be illegal." "Certainly it would be illegal," the consul answered. "But go ahead anyhow. They can't hang you for it." The notes were printed and universally accepted, an extraordinary tribute to the credit and resourcefulness of an American company under the stress of wartime. --- from "AMERICAN EXPRESS A Century of Service" by Alden Hatch.

# Minutes - WPNS Meeting of September 2, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Pres Richard Cresley at 8:25 PM. Minutes of the August 5, 1986 meeting were read and approved with one correction. ~~Society Harmon~~ read the Treasurer Burns read the financial statement:

|                    | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Income</u>    |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 8/5 Duo - Carlucci |                 | 5                |
| " " Korschnek      |                 | 10               |
| " " Murdoch        |                 | 5                |
| " " Smith          |                 | 5                |
| " " Sutton         |                 | 5                |
| " " Buckley        |                 | 5                |
| " " Schenck        |                 | 5                |
| " " Ilson          |                 | 5                |
| 8/1 service charge | <u>2.00</u>     |                  |
|                    | 2.00            | <u>45.00</u>     |
|                    |                 | <u>756.50</u>    |
|                    |                 | 801.50           |
|                    |                 | -2               |
|                    |                 | <u>\$ 799.50</u> |



### Allegheny Project

Bill Hunter reported that the book is nearly complete. Dick Gaetano checked with printers on prices. Larry Korchmak will look into having a high school print shop do the work.

### Membership Certificates

Wayne Horner displayed a copy of his membership certificate from 1979. Richard Cresley will look into having new copies printed.

### Constitution & Bylaws

Seitz Horner displayed a draft of an updated version of the bylaws booklet. He asked that a couple members proofread <sup>it</sup> ~~them~~. Chuck Erb made some corrections during the meeting. He and curator Dick Gaetano offered ~~by~~ to make corrections and updates.

### ANA Grading Discussion

John Burns suggested drafting a letter, as a club, strongly protesting the new ANA grading guidelines. Pres. Cresley pointed out that it has been the policy of the club not to voice opinions as a club. Members should do that individually. Glenn Mooney agreed. A long discussion followed.

Larry Korschinek and John Burns agreed to draft a letter and make a motion at the next meeting.

#### EXPENSES

Sect. Homen presented expenses for stamps and printing the annual program. Crosby made a motion to pay the expenses, and it was seconded from the floor.

#### GUESTS

Gerry Porter came as a guest of Ed Kivonich. Alan Stricker and John \_\_\_\_\_ were present also. Bill Hunter reminded our guests that letters must accompany their membership applications (Porter and Strickler applied and paid the \$2.00 fee). President Crosby will appoint a membership committee.

#### PROGRAM

Wayne Homen presented a slide show obtained from the Check Collector's Round Table (C.C.R.T.). There were over 70 slides describing the history and collecting of checks from ancient times to the present.

#### ADJOURNMENT

~~The meeting was adjourned~~



# Exhibits for Sept 2, 1976

Ray Remick - Collection of checks.

Dick Crosby - Metals on General Hospital.  
Medicine Art Metal on Statue of Liberty.  
Metal of Baltimore A.N.A.

Ed. Krivonozhuk New Zealand Metals and Tokens.

John Burns. French Assignats from French Republic  
Ireland Sun Money.

Harry Dyerbeck. ~~Harry~~ Mint State Junk.

Wayne Thommen - Book on Rates of Exchange.  
Assertion Cat of Albert Einstein.  
Don Fox Book.  
Book on Chinese Coins.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Bill Hunter reminded our guests that letters  
must <sup>follow</sup> ~~accompany~~ their membership applications.  
Pres. Crosby will appoint a membership committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15.



Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Founded June 1-1, 1878.

REGISTER OF SEPT 2, 19' 86 MEETING

## MEMBERS

Wayne K. Horner

Pais Rennick

Charles W. Erb

Bill Hunter

Ed Kravonak

Henry Morrison

John H. Burns

PAT M CBRIDGE

Garry Humbel

James M. Hurdock

Yes ~~after~~

Don Carlucci

Chris. F. Gray

Samy Korchuk

Sluck Gaetano

Richard J. Leahy

## GUESTS

Jerry Porter

ALAN E. STRICKER

ALAN E. STRICKER

# WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

PITTSBURGH, PENNA.

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Please Print)

I hereby apply for membership in the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, and agree if elected to abide by the Society's rules and by-laws.

Name GERALD S. PORTER

Address 1958 PITVIEW AV.

PGH. PA. 15212 Phone 321-2122

Business SALES Position REGIONAL MGR

Business Address MARYLAND PORT ADMIN., 1130 PORTER BLDG.

Age 54. I have been interested in numismatics for 30 years, and my present field of interest is WORLD COINS

I am now a member of the following numismatic or other avocational organizations (Name in full) \_\_\_\_\_

The sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached, covering initiation fee and dues for 19\_\_\_\_-19\_\_\_\_.

Date 9/2 1986

FOR USE OF THE  
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Gerald S. Porter  
(Signature of Applicant)

As a member in good standing of the W. P. N. S., I endorse the above applicant for membership and enclose herewith a letter of recommendation.

Edward A. Krivonozhuk  
(Signature of Sponsor)





Wayne K. Homren  
1810 Antietam St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
September 2, 1986

Jay Guren, Feature Editor  
Coin World  
911 Vandemark Road  
Sidney, OH 45367

Dear Mr Guren:

Enclosed is a short article describing the activities of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society. We would be pleased if you would publish it in an upcoming edition of Coin World. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Wayne K Homren*

Wayne K. Homren



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The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, located in Pittsburgh, PA, is one of the oldest such societies in the nation. The Society is ANA Life Club Member number 6, and is a Charter Club member of PAN, the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists. Founded in 1878, WPNS continues a longstanding tradition of numismatic fellowship.

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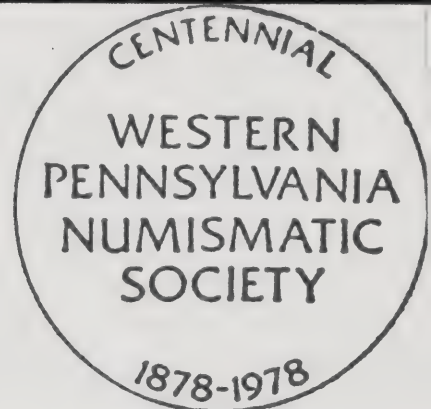
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# Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



DATE: Tuesday, October 7, 1986  
TIME: 7:30 P.M. Meeting starts 8:15 P.M.  
WHERE: Conference Room C, offices of Carnegie Group Inc,  
7th Floor of Station Square, Carson & Smithfield Streets  
PROGRAM: "American Art Medals" by Richard Crosby

The book sale at the September meeting was a great success. 16 members and 3 guests attended. There was some spirited bidding on several prized volumes. The most hotly contested items were the Gilbert Half Cent book (\$100) and the volume on coin weights (\$66). By the end of the evening, over \$1,000 worth of books and supplies had been sold. Big buyers were Larry Dziubek and Wayne Homren. Many thanks to all involved, esp. Glenn Mooney and Richard Crosby for making the initial arrangements, and Larry Dziubek and Larry Korchnak for handling the sale. And of course, many thanks to our generous donor.

September's program was a slide show developed by C.C.R.T, the Check Collector's Round Table. It was very informative, recounting the history and development of checks from ancient times to today. Sharp-eyed member Ed Krivoniak spotted an error in one of the slides.

The printed WPNS program cards were passed out at the meeting. Those who didn't attend will receive one through the mail.

## \*\*\*\*\* Booksale Revisited \*\*\*\*\*

Since there have been a number of inquiries concerning the remaining books, we will have another mini-sale at the October meeting. The Crosby "Early Coins of America" and the two early Redbooks are still available.

## \*\*\*\*\*

Attendance has been outstanding in recent months, even in August when our date overlapped the A.N.A. convention. As a way of advertising WPNS, Larry Korchnak and I handed out program cards at the August PNS meeting. New members and guests are always welcome. Two applications for membership were received at the September meeting: Alan Strickler and Gerald Porter. President Crosby will appoint a new membership committee.

## \*\*\*\*\* Social Meeting \*\*\*\*\*

November's Social Meeting will be held at Wright's Seafood Inn, as planned. The program is "Clayton: The Frick Home". It will be presented by Ellen Rosenthal, curator of the magnificent Frick Estate in Point Breeze. Never before open to the public, the Victorian mansion Clayton is being readied as a museum. Come hear the story of one of the few surviving homes of a wealthy 19th-century Pittsburgh industrialist.

Several banquet dishes are listed on the enclosed form. IF we have more than 25 people, we'll have to limit ourselves to the FIVE MOST POPULAR choices. If we have fewer than 25, we'll order from the regular menu. Call me at 661-1482, bring your reservation form to the meeting, or mail it to: Wayne Homren, 1810 Antietam St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Don't send any money now. Our deadline for reservations is October 24th.

## \*\*\*\*\* COIN SHOWS \*\*\*\*\*

PAN Convention, Americana Host Farm Resort, Lancaster PA, Oct 10-12  
Antique and Collectible Fair, Castle Shannon Fire Hall, Rt. 88, Oct 12  
MANA, Adam's Mark Hotel, Philadelphia, Oct 17-19  
Coin and Jewelry Show, Greetree Holiday Inn, Nov. 2

- \_\_\_ A) Broiled Fresh Seafood Platter
- \_\_\_ B) Fresh Flounder Stuffed with Shrimp and Scallops
- \_\_\_ C) Baked Shrimp Stuffed with Crabmeat
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- \_\_\_ G) Grilled Veal T-Bone with Rosemary Garlic Sauce



## Minutes - WPNS Meeting of October 7, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Pres Richard Crosby at 8:30 P.M. Minutes of the September 2, 1986 meeting were read and accepted with one correction.

Treasurer Burns read the monthly statement as follows

| <u>Date</u> |                              | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Income</u>    |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 9/2         | Dues Mooney                  |                 | 10.              |
| 9/2         | Dues - Coltrane              |                 | 5                |
| 9/2         | application - Alan Strickler |                 | 2.               |
| 9/2         | application - Gerald Porter  |                 | 2.               |
| 9/2         | Book auction                 |                 | 1102.75          |
| 9/2         | printing programs            | 39.73           |                  |
| 8/4         | postage                      | 7.70            |                  |
| 9/2         | service charge               | 2.              |                  |
| 9/2         | interest                     |                 | 1.34             |
|             |                              | <u>49.43</u>    | <u>1123.09</u>   |
|             |                              |                 | <u>799.50</u>    |
|             |                              |                 | <u>1922.59</u>   |
|             |                              |                 | - 49.43          |
|             |                              |                 | <u>\$1873.16</u> |

### BOOK SALE

Before the meeting commenced, Larry Korchak auctioned some remaining books. The Crosby Early Coins of America sold for \$410.00 to Richard Crosby in spirited bidding. A total of seven books were sold, bringing \$1014.00.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Pres Crosby read some misc. notices regarding US. Mint commemoratives. ANA Committee: Ruthann Butler will be in Pgh for a reception at 7:30 on Oct. 23.

### BANQUET

Bill Hunter confirmed our reservations for Wrights Seafood Inn. Drinks will be at 6:30 with the meal starting at 7 PM. The speaker will be the curator of the Frick Estate in Point Breeze. Sect. Horner will send the November newsletter out a week early, and include directions. Several members pointed out that due to construction, the Parkway would be a poor choice of route.

### BY LAWS

Secty Horner has not yet received corrections from Gaetano and Erb. He will continue to work on updating the booklet.



## MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

Crosby had nothing to report, but ~~will~~ expects to have something to report by the December meeting.

## GUESTS

Ed Schenk, a member from Colorado attended. He returned a WANS letterhead printing plate. Giff and Eileen Kelly of PAN were also in attendance. Jerry Porter made his second meeting, and Alan Strubler attended for the third time.

## OLD BUSINESS

### ALLEGHENY PROJECT

Bill Hunter displayed the print-ready paste-ups of the completed encased cert book. Dick Costano will look into having a printer at his school do the work. The booklet would have about 44 pages, 203 pieces. Hunter suggested setting up a marketing committee for the book.

### LETTER TO ANA

John Burns and Harry Korchrak presented their draft letter concerning the current state of ANA grading standards. Korchrak ~~said~~ noted the club tradition has been to stay out of hobby politics. The letter was presented in an alternate format, appropriate more for individuals than the society.

Much discussion followed. ~~Pres~~ John Burns made a motion that WPNS send the letter as a club to major numismatic publications. Korchmak seconded the motion. Motion passed ~~12-2~~ <sup>12-2</sup>.

#### OTHER OLD BUSINESS

President Crosby ~~remains~~ asked John Burns to write a check for \$500.00 for G. Paul Seletz in payment for his library. Wayne Hornen will forward it with a letter of thanks.

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dick Gaetano and Harry Korchmak were ~~nominated~~ appointed to the nominating committee by Pres. Crosby.

#### PAN SHOW

Don Carlucci outlined the scheduled events for the upcoming PAN convention in Lancaster, aided by Giff Kelly.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Pres Crosby ~~suggested~~ suggested that WPNS take out an ad in the PAN Clarion. Seletz, Hornen will create an ad and bring it to the next meeting (December) for a vote.

John Burns suggested that the Society make Dr. James Sloss <sup>(1991)</sup> an honorary member. ~~P. Horn~~



Larry Korchrak suggested the same for Paul Schubert (1958)  
The motion was tabled until the next business  
meeting. (Motion by Korchrak. 2nd by Hansen.)

#### PROGRAM

Bill Hunter presented Richard Crosby who spoke  
on English Enamelled Coins instead of the  
advertised "American Art Medals"

## EXHIBITS

Wayne Hamen: books - Handbook of Check Collecting,  
History of Mellon Bank, Japanese Invasion Money,  
Sutlers and Their Tokens, HB Stacks Fixed-Price list,  
Coins of the Popes, Coinage of US Virgin Islands,  
History of Brink's; token - San Francisco cable car

## ALAN STRICKER

Isaly's Postcard, passes to Congress

## CLIFF BUTT

Chocolate coins

## LARRY KORCHNAK

counterfeit pattern US half dollar.

## ARMOR MURDOCH

150th anniversary medal of establishment  
of Federal Govt in Washington DC. in 1800.

## LARRY DZIUBEK

Atwood's catalog of transportation tokens Vol 3.  
Several catalogs for sale, from Nick Tuttle's library.  
Also, several tokens for sale. Some WPN's medals  
will soon be ~~available~~ available for sale too,  
including the 1978 gold medal.

## GIFF KELLY

Sharpless Family Reunion in Crest PA,  
struck in 1882.

## PAT McBRIDE

3 Mercury Dimes 1918-S, 1929, 1936-S.

ADJOURNMENT 10.05 PM



Founded June 1-1, 1878.

## MEMBERS

## GUESTS

John W. Burns

James W. Mordoch

Ed. Schenck

Bill Keen

Ed. K. Brown

L. C. Ketchum

Carl Luthen

Pat. M. B. 26

Richard L. Reilly

Larry E. Gribble

Ark Gators

Charles F. Fritz

Ron Carlucci

GUESTS  
*Clark Gable*

B. Leavitt Kelly

1872

Jerry Porter

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
PITTSBURGH, PENNA.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Please Print)

I hereby apply for membership in the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, and agree if elected to abide by the Society's rules and by-laws.

Name GIFFORD F. KELLY

Address 4628 CLAIRTON BLVD

PGH PA 15236 Phone 882-6150

Business CENTURY COINS Position CO-OWNER

Business Address SAME

Age 55. I have been interested in numismatics for 45 years, and my present field of interest is EARLY AMERICAN

COPPERS & M. PC -

I am now a member of the following numismatic or other avocational organ-

izations (Name in full) LA 2281 ANA CM-PAN

S.H.C.C. - E.A.C.

The sum of \$ 2 is attached, covering initiation fee and dues for 19 86 - 19 87.

Date OCT, 7 19 86

FOR USE OF THE  
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Gifford F. Kelly  
(Signature of Applicant)

As a member in good standing of the W. P. N. S., I endorse the above applicant for membership and enclose herewith a letter of recommendation.

Lawrence C. Koshak  
(Signature of Sponsor)



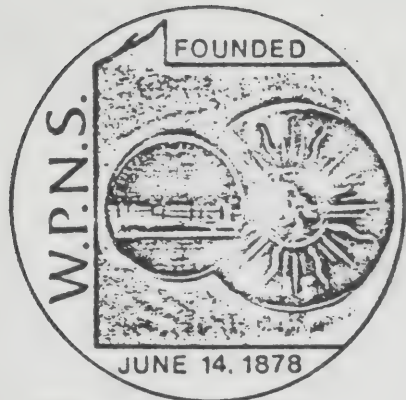
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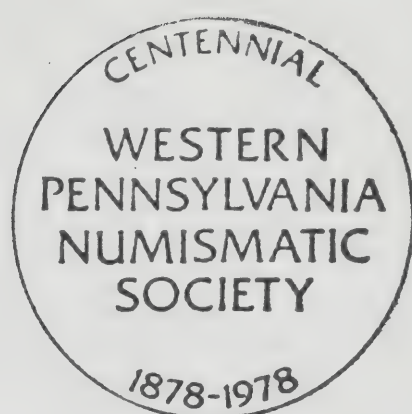
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Our personal feelings may have little impact on the overall market, however we feel that the issue is worth writing about in hopes that common sense might prevail over greed.

Sincerely,



# Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



DATE: Tuesday, November 4, 1986  
TIME: 6:00 P.M. Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7:00 P.M.  
WHERE: Wright's Seafood Inn, Heidelberg, PA  
PROGRAM: "Clayton: The Frick Home" by Ellen Rosenthal

This month's newsletter has been mailed a week early to give everyone extra time to sign up for the November Social Meeting. Please note the TIME and LOCATION for the meeting. Our speaker will be Ellen Rosenthal, curator of the stunning Victorian Frick Estate in Point Breeze. The old mansion is being prepared as a museum. Come hear the story of one of the few surviving homes of a wealthy Pittsburgh industrialist.

An excellent turnout is expected. About 25 reservations have already been received. Mail or phone your reservations to Wayne Homren, 1810 Antietam St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206 (412) 661-1482. Please make your selections from the list of six choices below. Included are potato, vegetable, salad, and coffee or tea. The exact price will be determined later, but should be around \$18. Bring cash or a check payable to WPNS.

- \_\_\_ A) Broiled Fresh Seafood Platter
- \_\_\_ B) --- not available --
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**DIRECTIONS:** From either downtown or the airport, take the Parkway to Exit 12, the Heidelberg/Kirwin Heights Exit. Turn left onto Rt 50 East. Wright's is two miles down on the right.

## \*\*\*\*\* BOOK SALE \*\*\*\*\*

Before the October meeting a mini-auction of remainders from the September book sale was held. Seven more books were sold, including the Crosby "Early Coins of America" which went for \$410 in spirited bidding.

## \*\*\*\*\* GRADING \*\*\*\*\*

Larry Korchnak and John Burns presented a draft letter to the ANA protesting the latest grading standards. After much discussion, it was voted to send the letter to the ANA in the name of WPNS. Here's the text:

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## \*\*\*\*\* COIN SHOWS \*\*\*\*\*

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Coin Show, Sheraton Airport Inn, Thorn Run Road, Nov 8-9  
Collectible and Antique Show, Castle Shannon Fire Hall, Rt. 88, Nov 9  
Gettysburg Show, Sheraton, Business Rt. 15 South, Nov 21-23  
Collectible and Antique Show, Castle Shannon Fire Hall, Rt. 88, Nov 23  
Northway Coin Show, Northway Mall, McKnight Rd, North Hills, Nov 30.



Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Wayne K. Homren  
1810 Antietam St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
661-1482  
October 15, 1986

Mr. J. Paul Scheetz  
5815 Wilkins Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA, 15217

Dear Mr. Scheetz:

I understand you have moved, but I was unable to obtain your current address -- Glenn Mooney did not have it. I assumed this letter would be forwarded to you at your new home. Please call me or write to tell me your new address, so I can update the Society's mailing list.

Enclosed is a check, in the amount of \$500.00, in payment for your numismatic library. The sales were a great success, and it was a pleasure to see the books remain in the Pittsburgh area. Thank you once again for giving the Society an opportunity to sell this diverse collection.

Sincerely,

*Wayne K. Homren*

Wayne K. Homren  
WPNS Secretary

J. PAUL SCHEETZ  
OLIVER BUILDING  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15222

October 21, 1986

Mr. Wayne K. Homren, Secretary  
W.P.N.S.  
1810 Antietam Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Dear Wayne:

Thank you very much for your letter of 15 October enclosing the check for \$500.00. I was delighted to read in the minutes of your recent meeting that you had been able to sell the things you received for an amount in excess of one thousand dollars and still have other items yet to sell. Sorry I couldn't be at the auction.

All the very best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul Scheetz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "S".

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Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Wayne K. Homren  
1810 Antietam St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

October 15, 1986

N. Neil Harris, Editor  
The Numismatist  
818 N. Cascade Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279

Dear Mr. Harris:

Attached is an open letter to the A.N.A., for publication in the Letters section of The Numismatist. The letter was drafted and adopted after lengthy discussions during the September and October meetings of our Society. Thank you.

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Beth Deisher, Editor  
Coin World  
911 Vandemark Road  
Sidney, OH 45367

Dear Ms. Deisher:

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October 7, 1986

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*Letters to the editor*

*Sense over greed*

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Wayne K. Homren  
Secretary  
Western Pennsylvania  
Numismatic Society  
Pittsburgh



# W.P.N.S. SOCIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 1986

WRIGHT'S SEAFOOD INN

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>COST</u> | <u>PAID</u> |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| BUCKLEY     | 1        |          | 1        | 1        |          | 3            | 54          |             |
| BURNS       |          |          | 1        |          |          | 1            | 18          |             |
| ERDEBY      | 2        |          |          |          |          | 2            | 36          |             |
| ERB         | 2        |          |          |          |          | 2            | 36          |             |
| FOLEY       |          | 1        |          |          |          | 1            | 18          |             |
| GAETANO     |          |          | 1        |          |          | 1            | 18          |             |
| GRATZ       | 1        |          |          | 1        |          | 2            | 36          |             |
| HOMREN      | 1        |          |          | 1        |          | 2            | 36          | 36          |
| HUNTER      | 3        |          |          | 1        |          | 4            | 36*         |             |
| KELLY       |          |          |          |          | 2        | 2            | 36          |             |
| KORCHNAK    | 2        |          |          |          |          | 2            | 36          |             |
| KRIVONIAK   |          |          | 2        |          |          | 2            | 36          |             |
| McBRIDE     |          | 1        |          | 1        |          | 2            | 36          |             |
| MILLER      |          | 1        |          | 1        |          | 2            | 36          |             |
| MOONEY      | 1        |          | 1        |          |          | 2            | 36          |             |
| RENNICK     | 1        |          |          |          |          | 1            | 18          |             |
| SLOSS       |          | 2        |          |          |          | 2            | 36          |             |
| SUTTON      | 3        |          |          |          |          | 3            | 54          |             |
| MURDOCH     |          |          |          | 2        |          | 2            | 36          |             |
| DZIUBEK     | 1        |          |          |          |          | 1            | 18          |             |

18

5

6

8

2

39

\*(2 guests free)

37

\$666

- A. Broiled Fresh Seafood Platter
- C. Baked Shrimp
- E. New York Strip Steak
- F. Baked Stuffed Filet Mignon
- G. Grilled Veal T-Bone

$$A. 18 @ 14.95 = \$269.10$$

$$C. 5 @ 11.25 = 56.25$$

$$E. 6 @ 13.95 = 83.70$$

$$F. 8 @ 13.95 = 111.60$$

$$G. 2 @ 14.50 = 29.00$$

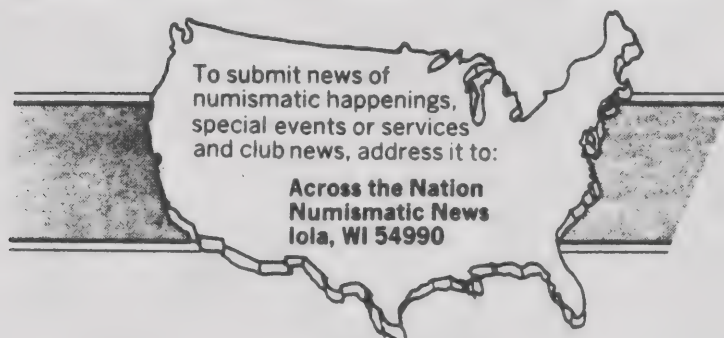
$$\$549.65$$

$$\div 21\% \quad 115.43$$

$$665.08$$

$$\div 37 \approx \$18.$$





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## Pennsylvania

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**American Art Medals** were the topic of Richard Crosby at a recent meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, Pittsburgh, Pa. Ellen Rosenthal, curator of the Frick Estate at Point Breze, will discuss "Clayton: The Frick Home" at the November meeting. WPNS, founded in 1878, meets each first Tuesday at 8:15 at Conference Room C, Carnegie Group, seventh floor of Station Square, Carson and Smithfield Sts. in Pittsburgh.

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## *WPNA releases program plans through summer*

The 109-year-old Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society has released a schedule of programs through the summer of 1987. The Oct. 7 program, "American Art Medals," was presented by Richard Crosby.

A social meeting at Wright's Seafood Inn is planned for November, with the program, "Clayton: The Frick Home" to be presented by Ellen Rosenthal, curator of the Frick Estate in Point Breeze, which is being readied as a museum and is one of the few surviving wealthy Pittsburgh industrialists' homes.

Dich Gaetano will speak about "Sales Tax Tokens" in December; while the program for the first meeting of the new year will be "British East Africa," presented by Ed Krivoniak. February's program, by Larry Korchnak, is titled

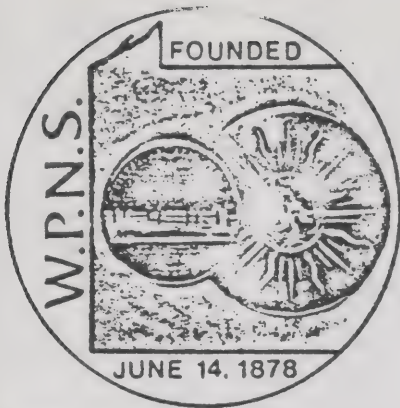
"Napoleon Prior to Waterloo."

Chuck Erb's March program is titled "Bust Quarters." "Railroads and Numismatics" will be presented by Glenn Mooney in April; and Wayne Homren will talk about "6¼ and 12½ Cents: Odd Denominations in Early Pittsburgh Money."

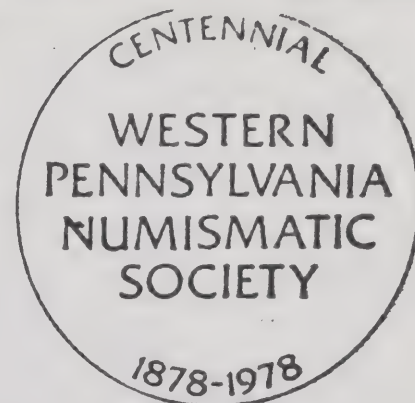
For June, the program will be "Numismatic Conventions," presented by Ray Rennick. Bill Hunter will discuss "An Allegheny County Topic" in July. The picnic meeting will be held in August.

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month in Conference Room C, offices of Carnegie Group Inc., seventh floor of Station Square, Carson and Smithfield streets in Pittsburgh. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; meetings begin at 8:15.





## Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



DATE: Tuesday, December 2, 1986  
TIME: 7:30 P.M. Meeting starts 8:15 P.M.  
WHERE: Conference Room C, offices of Carnegie Group Inc,  
7th Floor of Station Square, Carson & Smithfield Streets  
PROGRAM: "Sales Tax Tokens" by Dick Gaetano

### \*\*\*\*\* Social Meeting \*\*\*\*\*

November's Social Meeting at Wright's Seafood Inn was a great success. As always, the food was delicious. Some 38 members and guests turned out, making it the largest WPNS Social in several years. Ellen Rosenthal of the Frick Estate presented a marvelous slide show on Clayton, the Frick mansion in Point Breeze. It's a tough act to follow, but we're already accepting suggestions for next year's social.

### \*\*\*\*\* Numismatic Class \*\*\*\*\*

Congratulations to member John Burns, who will soon be teaching a 12-evening introductory course in numismatics at the Community College of Allegheny County. Please lend him your support with suggestions and loans of interesting numismatic slides. If the course is well subscribed, it may become a regular offering. This is an ideal way to introduce interested members of the general public to the world of numismatics.

### \*\*\*\*\* Publicity \*\*\*\*\*

Our new publicity campaign is starting to pay off. Not only was our letter to the ANA on grading just published by Coin World, but several announcements of our meetings have appeared in Coin World and Numismatic News. Too bad we didn't take any pictures at the Social -- any volunteers to photograph some of our upcoming meetings? As 1989 and the Pittsburgh ANA Convention draw closer, we should try to make ourselves more visible to the numismatic community. WPNS has some of the finest numismatists in the country -- let's not hide our light under a bushel any longer.

### \*\*\*\*\* WPNS Medals Available \*\*\*\*\*

This notice from Larry Dziubek: "Nick Tutelo had many scarce WPNS medals in his collection, and you will have a chance to bid on them. Mail bids will be accepted, or you will have a chance to bid in person at the December WPNS meeting. Bids must be in my hands by meeting time. Terms will be in cash for lots #1 through #7. The winning bidder on lots #8 and/or #9 will have seven days from notification to pay for these items. We do this for safety reasons, so don't carry your 'piggy banks' to the meeting. No medals will be sold at less than reasonable reserves. Mail bids for lots #8 and #9 will be reduced to 10% above the second high bid."

The enclosed sheet lists the lots along with Larry's address and phone number.

### \*\*\*\*\* COIN SHOWS \*\*\*\*\*

NOV 28: Collectible and Antique Fair, Castle Shannon Fire Hall, Rt. 88  
NOV 30: Northway Coin Show, Northway Mall, McKnight Road, North Hills  
DEC 14: Collectible and Antique Fair, Castle Shannon Fire Hall, Rt. 88  
DEC 14: Coin and Jewelry Show, Holiday Inn Parkway West  
JAN 7-10 F.U.N. Palace Hotel, Walt Disney World, Florida

# W.P.N.C. Medals

LOT #

DESCRIPTION

- |    |                                  |                       |
|----|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| #1 | 1878 White-Metal                 | XF (holed)            |
| #2 | 1879 White-Metal                 | AU                    |
| #3 | 1879 White-Metal                 | Proof-Like            |
| #4 | 1928 Bronze (400 struck)         | Unc                   |
| #5 | 1928 Silver (10 struck)          | Unc                   |
| #6 | 1963 Silver (15 struck)          | Unc                   |
| #7 | 1978 Silver (27 struck)          | Proof-Like            |
| #8 | 1963 14K Gold (5 struck) 57 dwt. |                       |
|    | Bullion Value approx.            | \$ 625. <sup>00</sup> |
| #9 | 1978 18K Gold (9 struck) 31 dwt. |                       |
|    | Bullion Value approx.            | \$ 450. <sup>00</sup> |

LARRY DZIUBEK  
P.O. Box 1852  
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15230

phone 412-931-4939



# **Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society**

**Founded 1878**

**A.N.A. Life Club Member No. 6**

**W.P.N.S. congratulates P.A.N.**

**for its efforts to unite the numismatists of the state of Pennsylvania**

# Minutes - WPNS Meeting of December 2, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Pres Richard Crosby at 8:25 PM. Minutes of the October 7 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Burns read the monthly statement as follows.

## October

|                 |        |          |
|-----------------|--------|----------|
| interest        |        | 4.61     |
| service charge  | 2.00   |          |
| J. Paul Scheetz | 500.00 |          |
| application     |        | 2.00     |
| dues            |        | 5.00     |
| Book auction    |        | 1014.00  |
|                 | 502.00 | 91025.61 |

Prav. balance 1873.16  
\$2396.77

502.00  
\$2396.77

## November

|                 |        |        |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| wright (laquet) | 657.62 |        |
| acid (laquet)   |        | 648.00 |
| book auction    |        | 50.00  |
| interest        |        | 938    |
| service charge  | 2.00   |        |
|                 | 659.62 | 707.38 |



707.38

2396.77

3104.15

- 659.62

Current balance

\$ 2444.53

### Allegheny Project

Ray Renuck presented an outline of his section on Pittsburgh paper money. He asked members to supply any additional information. Old photos could be taken from postcards to illustrate.

### Membership

Larry Kordina reported that all three letters of recommendation are in. The prospective members will be voted on next month (Jerry Porter, Giff Kelly, Alan Stricklen). Sect. Homen will make an appropriate announcement in the January newsletter.

### Old Business

BANKFI Everyone agreed the banquet was a great success. Sect. Homen will send a thank-you letter to the speaker.

### Encased Cent book

Bill Hunter reported that the book is ready to print. At next month's meeting, will try to appoint a printing/marketing committee.

New Business All three prospective members attended

Guests Jim Kriss came as a guest of Rich Crossley. Ray Kinnick brought his ~~wife~~ wife Berte, and Giff Kelly brought his wife Eileen.

Clarion Ad Scty Hornen presented a half-page ad for the Clarion. Eileen Kelly will send the club a bill.

Honorary Members Larry Korchubak reminded the members that the membership committee must have nominations in writing.

1989 AWA Don Carlucci reminded us that area collectors must decide which club or clubs should sponsor the 1989 Pittsburgh AWA. Don suggested earmarking the \$3000 stipend for the Allegheny Project.

Meeting room Wayne Hornen reported that our current meeting room at Station Square will not be available after next summer, since Carnegie Group will be moving to PPG Place.

Clarion Ad After some discussion it was voted 12 to 3 to run the ~~ad~~ ad immediately.

Speaker Dick Gaetano presented a slide show and talk on Sales Tax Tokens



## Exhibits

John Burns - Papal coins

Pat McBride MPC (large collection), Charlotte \$5 gold

Ed Kironiah set of New Zealand coins

Ray Rannach some coins of Mich Tutelo for sale

Wayne Hornen two early Pillsbury

Gerry Porter Cuban counterstamp, elephant piece

Alan Straker postcard (modern sep-thru type)

Bliff Sutton Prussian gold piece

Rick Cross inaugural medal - McKinley

Larry Korchuk Gun Money of Ireland, proof trade dollar  
1609 Saxony thaler

Giff Kelly sales tax token

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM

## Auction

Larry Dzubals auction of the WANS medals followed the sale. Prices realized:

|       |    |       |                |
|-------|----|-------|----------------|
| Lot # | 1. | \$ 10 | Larry Korchuk. |
|       | 2. | 15.   | Pat McBride    |
|       | 3. | 30    | Giff Kelly     |
|       | 4. | 22    | Giff Kelly     |
|       | 5. | 70    | Wayne Hornen   |
|       | 6. | 110   | Giff Kelly     |
|       | 7. | 40    | Wayne Hornen   |
|       | 8. | 1025  | Giff Kelly     |
|       | 9. | 500   | Giff Kelly     |

\$1,822

# Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Founded June 1-1, 1878

REGISTER OF DEC 2, 1986 MEETING

## MEMBERS

Wayne K. Homen  
C. M. M. undach  
John W. Burns  
Ann Cadence  
Gary Grubel  
Cliff Leblond  
Richard J. Gault  
Dick Buckley  
Bill Hunter  
L. Korschniak  
PAT MCBRIDE  
Nick Gaetano  
Ed Kivonick  
Roger E. Hershay  
Ray Rennick

## GUESTS

Jerry Porter  
Alan S. Shuster  
James S. Kress  
Giff Kelly  
Eileen Kelly  
Bertie Kunkle



*130 names, titles.*

Listed below is the index for the book "EARLY STATE, NATIONAL AND PRIVATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS ORGANIZED IN PITTSBURGH, PA 1803-1866

The book will include mcs. business enterprises issuing currency, script or tickets for service

What information, pictures etc. that you can offer me (Ray Rennick)

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American Bank of Pittsburgh #7581  
Allegheny Valley Railroad Co.  
Allegheny and Connelsville Railroad Co.  
Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Co.  
Banking House of Nathaniel Homes  
Banking House of N. Homes & Sons  
Banking House Of S. Jones & Co.  
Bank of Pennsylvania (Pgh. branch)  
Bank of Pittsburgh  
Bank of Pittsburgh N.A. #5225  
Borough of Allegheny  
Borough of Birmingham  
Borough of Pittsburgh  
Boshart, Jonathan  
The Butcher's  
Canich Bank  
City of Allegheny  
City of Pittsburgh  
Citizens Bank  
Citizens Deposit Bank  
Citizens National Bank of Pittsburgh #619  
City Deposit bank  
City National Bank of Pittsburgh #2195  
Colonial National Bank of Pittsburgh #6567  
Columbia National Bank of Pittsburgh #4910  
Commercial National Bank of Pittsburgh #2711  
Cosmopolitan National Bank of Pittsburgh #6216  
County of Allegheny  
Diamond Savings Bank  
Diamond Savings Institution  
Diamond National Bank of Pittsburgh #2236  
Dollar Saving Bank  
Duquesne National Bank of Pittsburgh #2278  
Exchange Bank  
Exchange National Bank of Pittsburgh #1057  
Farmers Deposit Bank

Farmers Deposit Banking Co.  
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Keystone National Bank of Pittsburgh #7560  
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Peoples Savings  
Peoples National Bank of Pittsburgh #727  
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Pittsburgh Bank  
Pittsburgh Bank for Savings  
Pittsburgh, Castle Shannon, & Washington Railroad  
Pittsburgh Clearing House  
Pittsburgh, Farmers, & Mechanics Turnpike Co.  
Pittsburgh Fire Brick Mfg. Co.  
Pittsburgh Manufacturing Co.  
Pittsburgh National Bank of Commerce #668  
Pittsburgh Savings Fund Co.  
Pittsburgh and Steubenville Turnpike road Co.  
Pittsburgh Trust Co.  
Pittsburgh Trust & Savings Co.  
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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

NUMISMATIC SURVEY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

SURVEY INTRODUCTION

and  
first issue

SPECIAL GROUPS - ENCASED ITEMS

Cataloger - Encased Items

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D E D I C A T I O N

This survey is dedicated to the continuation of the spirit of Numismatics in the Western Pennsylvania area. This spirit was exemplified at the initiation of this Survey by the "Carnegie Museum Section of Coins and Medals" and was personified at that time by the curator Mr. William Woodside. The above used The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society as a tool to influence for the betterment of individuals in numismatics. Converging lines of such influence developed in many other local clubs and were fostered by our local coin dealers. The result was the development of a body of knowledgeable and in some cases well known numismatists. These individuals were strong in their support of other collectors, their many fields and levels of interest, intertwined with numismatics. Interests developed from the study and collecting of numismatic and associated items have added much to the quality of life in this area.

William V. Hunter, Jr.

I N T R O D U C T I O N

Allegheny County is rich in numismatic (exonumic) history. While no U.S. mints were located within the county, many pieces were privately struck within its boundaries to commemorate events both at home and elsewhere in the world. Items were struck elsewhere to commemorate events within the borders of the county, the stage for many historical occurrences along its three main rivers - the Allegheny, Monongahela, and the Ohio. The sites of Braddock's defeat and the whiskey rebellion, Forts Duquesne and Pitt, parts of the National Road, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and the modern city of Pittsburgh, with its Golden Triangle, are but a few of the points of historical interest recorded or commemorated on numismatic items. The area was the strength of our country's industrial society and as such supported the production of "numismatic" associated items.

While such well-known personages as Washington, Bouquet, and Carnegie are easily associated with the county, it is perhaps also significant to know that John Eckert, a Pittsburgh butcher, Richard and William Jenkinson, tobacconists, Henry Miner, a book seller, and similar small businessmen not only lived in the county but also issued numismatic items.

These numismatic items are and will be (probably for centuries) found as objects of curiosity and a starting point for rediscovering some of the life of past times. It has been deemed worthwhile to capture data currently available that relates to Allegheny County's numismatically related items. A wealth of material available in private collections, the papers which have been presented to the WPNS, specialized literature which has been published, the availability of the Carnegie Museum collections, and the abundance of (perishable) knowledge of society members made The Survey seem appropriate.

Glenn A. Mooney



D E V E L O P M E N T

The "W.P.N.S. Numismatic Survey of Allegheny County" was conceived and originally issued as a computer listing of many tokens and medals issued in, for, or relating to Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. It was a "Catalogue of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Numismatic Items". Listed data was basically of the items housed in the Carnegie Museums "Section of Coins and Medals". This original issue contained an alphabetic index by actual inscription on the listed items -a novel idea. The information was pulled together and expanded on by workers in this worthy section supported by the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society. Data was maintained on 80 column keypunched cards. Bill Hunter did the programming, card file ordering and maintenance, and list production on large mainframe computers. The project instigator was Mr. William W. Woodside (Curator -Section of Coins and Medals). Glenn Mooney, Bill Woodside, Ray Byrne, Ferd Wise, Ed Oschman collected item information using special survey forms. Glenn Mooney presented the project to the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society. The Society and its members have supported the survey to the present time.

For many years data was accumulated. Information was presented by members of the W.P.N.S. and a few others. The 80 column card concept quickly became too cumbersome. Data was then typed and collected with photos in a format that was expected to be made print ready. However the result, because of data collection techniques, the availability of so much data, the scope and size of the task, etc. - was that the Survey became an ordered but not presentable collection of data. A giant step was taken in initiating computerized word processing.

Finally, a subgroup of the survey -Encased Items- was adopted by Dick Gaetano to be made available in printed form. The result is the first issue Section "Special Groups -Encased Items".

D I R E C T I O N

This "Numismatic Survey of Allegheny County, Pa." is to be as titled. It will make an attempt to track numismatics and related interests thru time - The collections (public, private), the organizations (manufacturers, clubs), the people involved (students, dealers, and collectors).

The cataloguer is requesting organization histories. Biographies and autobiographies of individuals as they refer to "Survey" interests are actively solicited. Hopefully all individuals -known or little known- will respond who have participated strongly.

History and trends should be a part of the survey. National and State bank development should be chronicled. Artistic level and reasoning for item output trends should be commented on.

The item catalog will be the large part of the catalog. An individual numismatically related item is a curiosity that prods investigative persons to delve into its background. They are often the longest lasting reference to persons, places, and things. Such items grouped in categories will suggest directions and give much key information

concerning place and time for further local studies. Current items present the opportunity to collect a body of information as it happens, providing historical starting points for the future. This survey should have current relevance locally, with special interest groups, and with collectors of such items. Several of the item groups currently have catalogs and a known group of followers (parking tokens, transportation tokens, etc.). We must also acknowledge the surveys interest to individuals who have had such items passed to them as keepsakes and to that group of "knowledgeables" who can identify these keepsakes. The survey should provide a starting point for scholars and students of history, economics, etc.

Items are categorized in the hope that specific areas will be studied printed, and issued. A current general "Survey" introduction and index will accompany each issued section. An attempt will be made to continue indexing by item inscriptions. Perhaps "The Survey" will provide guidelines, etc. for groups in other areas. Collection of item data is to continue. An honest effort will be made to keep information accurate, ordered, and reasonably presentable. Word processing tools will be a tremendous aid. Handling of photos and other data physically disconnected from the data catalog will continue to be a problem. However when the item is not available, a photo is the best alternative for accurate item description. A highly coordinated effort, though, is required to carry photos through to a finished printed output. Any data presented to the cataloguer will be respectfully treated and hopefully properly acknowledged.



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- En. Encased Items
- Ss. Script

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We. Western Pennsylvania - closely related to Allegheny County

X-. Allegheny County - area unspecified

- Xc. The County
- Xx. Alphabetic by issuer

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SPECIAL GROUPS - ENCASED ITEMS

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

What is a numismatic (exonumia) encased item?

Numismatic encased items that have been cataloged here are all coins encased by pressure in a machine made for this purpose.

Historically, it seems that the first encased cents were a product of the Pan American Exposition in 1901 (30 types), although pieces have been noted with a patent date as early as April 11, 1899.

The encasements are usually made of aluminum, but sometimes they are found in copper, brass, silver, plastic wood, celluloid badges, bottle caps, mirror backs, buttons, and paper (cardboard).

The encasement shape is usually round or horseshoe, but bell, pot, bear, wineglass, bread, pan, wishbone, and square are known.

The coins in the encasement are usually cents, but all current U.S. denominations have been encased. The rarest seems to be the fifty cent followed by the dollar, quarter, dime, and nickel. One unusual piece is known with one half an indian head cent.

World Fairs & Expositions generated large production of these items. Many pieces were issued as store cards (advertising pieces). Very often they carry a good luck message in symbols or inscription.

Foreign coins have also been encased. Canadian (large and small cents), German, English, French, Spanish, Mexican, Swiss, Swedish, Dutch, Danish, Italian, Austrian, Israeli, and Panamanian pieces have been issued.

Fascinating collections can be made by area, date, event, denomination, shape, etc.

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

I would like to thank the following for their contribution to this "Encased Item" section of this survey. Richard Crosby, Ferd Wise, John Manko, Fred Verzellesi, Bernie Frajoli, Joel Reznick, Larry Dziubek, Glenn Mooney, Jim Kriss, Rodger Hershey, Dick Watley, Cliff Sutton, N. Graver, Herman Aqua, and the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society members in general.

Mr. Richard Gaetano

Cataloger

NOTES

- A. Encased Items as a group are classed as store cards (advertising pieces). The company promotion side is then taken as the obverse.
- B. Measurements are of the maximum dimension. A horseshoe encasement is measured from its peak to a line connecting the two ends.
- C. Inscriptions
  - 1. Descriptions are to be as close as possible within word processing limits. Spacing may be indicative.
  - 2. No spaces before or after a slash in text.
  - 3. Inscriptions are read as complete phrase lines from top to bottom of item.
  - 4. Lower case letters are used in cataloger supplied descriptive inserts. These descriptions are inclosed in parenthesis.
  - 5. Descriptive inserts are not used to describe devices if the device is visible on an accompanying photo.
  - 6. A hole is indicated only if die punched in original manufacture.



## *Club protests new ANA grading system*

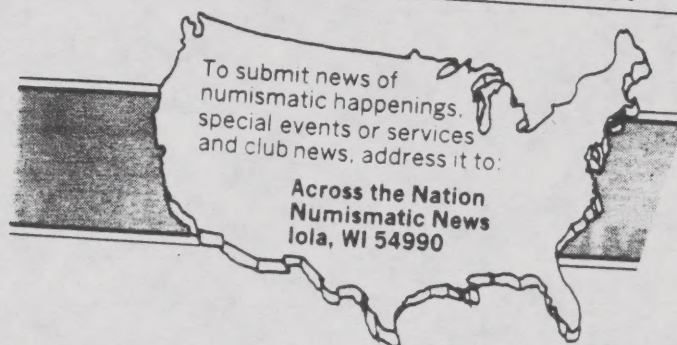
"Clayton: The Frick Home" by Ellen Rosenthal, was to be the subject of a discussion at the Nov. 4 meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society.

Rosenthal is curator of the Victorian Frick Estate in Point Breeze, Pa. This is one of the few surviving homes of a wealthy Pittsburgh industrialist which is being prepared as a museum.

Members Larry Korchnak and John Burns reported they drafted a letter to the American Numismatic Association protesting the latest ANA grading standard changes. The club members voted to send the letter as a club.

To learn more about the club, write to Wayne K. Hornren, 1810 Antietam St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206.





## **Pennsylvania**

**Collector turned teacher**  
is John Burns, instructor of a 12-  
evening "Introduction to  
Numismatics" course at the  
Community College of Alle-  
gheny County, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Burns is a member of the West-  
ern Pennsylvania Numismatic  
Society, founded in 1878. WPNS

meets each first Tuesday at 7:30  
p.m. in Conference Room C,  
Carnegie Group Inc., seventh  
floor Station Square.

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We hope that this award system will stimulate people to give programs in their special interest. All clubs need programs. Hopefully a system of this type will help to alleviate the problem.

Enclosed are 2 copies of the application. We hope you will need more but also ask that you duplicate the included for your use.

Sincerely,

P.A.N. Officers



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